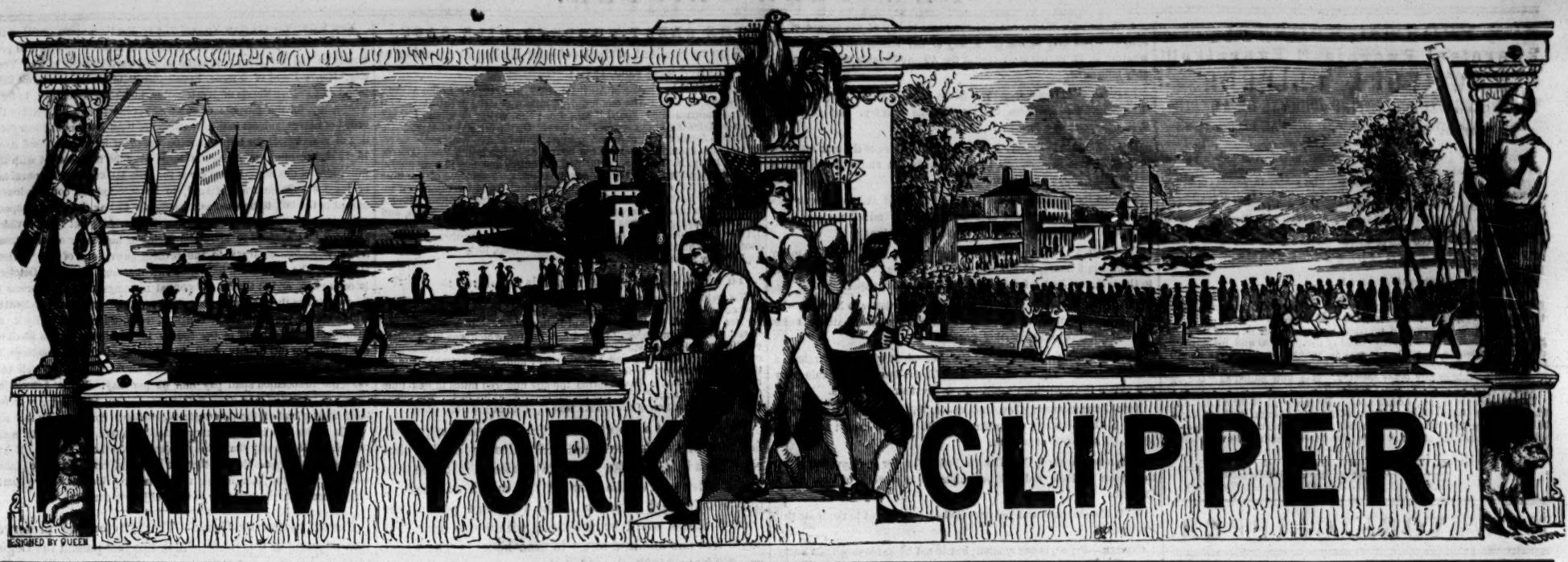

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WINNING A WIFE AT CHECKERS.

WRITTEN FOR THE NEW YORK CLIPPER,

BY T. HAMILTON VANANDA.

I SHALL never forget my feelings, when young, when I first learned the game of checkers. It was a very fashionable game in my native community, and even the minister of the parish was said to enjoy it in his domestic circle. To be sure there were straight-laced Hannahs, and lank-haired Johnathans, who raised their hands in pious horror, and called it a species of gambling, but the majority of the good people thought it bu. an innocent amusement, and wiled many an idle hour away over the checker-board.

It is somewhat singular under these circumstances, that I did not learn the game of checkers, until I was eighteen years of age. True, I never had much predilection for of sports any sort, and even in boyhood, spent more hours over my books, than I did upon the play-ground. But where the game was so common and universal, it seems odd, that I never played. I may say, too, that by frequent observance of others' playing, I had learned the general principles of the game, and when I did set down, one evening, to play with a friend, he thought me a very apt pupil at my first lesson.

But there seems to be something peculiar about the game of checkers. It is purely mathematical and makes a stronger impression upon the mind than billiards, cards, or any other game with which our experience has brought us in contact (excepting chess, of course, which is upon the same principle). After playing an hour, and having obtained some knowledge of the game, I went out to see a friend upon business. I found myself incapable of transacting it. The checker-board was still before me, with its array of black and white "men," with here and there a "king," chasing the rest with all a king's prerogative. I went back and played another hour, and then went to my study to read. I took up Byron, and turned over the leaves, from poem to poem, but Manfred had lost its fascination, and Don Juan was a sickly sentimentalism. *Lara* was a black man on the checker-board of fate, which I endeavored to capture, by moving the white *Corsair* into the middle column of destiny. A white *Inez* and a black *Giour* occupied separate corners, and the dark king, *Sardannpalis*, was chasing a fair *Myhra* for her life.

I threw down the book in despair. My brain was a checker-board, and all things—thoughts and ideas—turned to "men" and kings. In sleep, the diagonal lines appeared, covered with their white and black armies, and I moved my men to battle, always with certain victory. I became, in fancy, a master player, and although I was frequently beaten the next day, yet I had worked out in my mind, by its constant presence, the whole philosophy and policy of the game.

But I am wasting too much time upon this idiosyncracy, and should have told you long ago what first induced me to learn the game. It certainly was not on account of its common practice in the community, for that had existed for several years. Nor was it the interest I really took in playing, for in truth, it was to me but dull and unprofitable amusement, and the fact of my brain being a continual checker-board, was actually painful to me.

But the most noted player in the village, was Clara May—a lovely girl of sixteen, whose sparkling wit, superior intelligence, and enchanting beauty, made her the object of universal admiration. Clara had beaten everybody in the village, from the minister down to the school-girls, and made her boast, that she was the champion player, capable of beating any and every one, who dared to play with her. Indeed she carried her enthusiasm for the game so far, as to declare, that her heart and hand could only be won, by beating her at a set game of checkers; and sundry love-lorn individuals, with whom she had played the set, through caprice, or a momentary feeling of coquetry, bore evidence to the faithfulness of her intention. They had lost and were ever after neglected.

Let me confess at once, that it was Clara May, and my love for that sweet girl, which prompted me to learn the game of checkers, and follow it with that nervous and constant application, which made it, for a time, the absorbing impression of my soul.

Clara and I had been school-mates together; had studied out of the same books, been rivals for the honors of the same classes, and kept next to each other in the plays on the green. And when, a few years later, the school-books were laid aside, and we met in the formal circle of society, there seemed to be no conventionalism in our communion, and we were still as simple and unaffected, as when school-children. I was vain enough to believe that I could win Clara's love, and for the past year, had been, with many others, a constant attendant on her footsteps.

HORSE GROUP.

FROM A PIECE OF RUSSIAN SCULPTURE.

And thus, when I sat down to play a game of checkers, I always saw Clara May at the end of the board, and seemed to clasp her as my reward, as I swept the last *man* from the table. Clara was not a little astonished when, on a calm summer's evening, I asked her to play a game.

"Why, mercy, Carl!" she said, "when did you learn to play checkers?"

"O, sometime since," I replied carelessly.

"And why did you not let me know it before?" she asked reproachfully.

"I am afraid to play with you," I said, half mischievously; "I learned to play checkers to win your heart and hand, and I am not yet sufficiently expert at the game, to run so great a hazard."

Her cheek flushed, and her eye dilated, as she looked up inquiringly into my face, as though to say:

"In earnest?"

Then finding that my face remained serious, and perhaps reading my love in my eyes, she broke out in a clear, ringing laugh, and said:

"Well, Carl," I must say, you play the lover admirably, but you can't deceive me!" Then changing her tone to one of deep seriousness, and fixing her dark eyes tenderly in mine, she took my hand and added—"And you wont deceive me, Carl?"

I smiled in my heart, though the tears came in my eyes; for all this only told me that Clara loved me, though she doubtless did not intend to let me know it, for her serious looks and words were but the momentary ebullitions of her heart, soon drowned in the natural gaiety of her exuberent spirits.

When she brought the checker-board, she *naively* said:

"This game will only be for amusement, Carl."

"As you will," I replied; "you would scarce honor me by the priviledge of playing with you as a suitor."

Again she lifted those eyes of wondrous passion to mine, and a keen pang of the heart sent its blood-signal to her face. She turned pale, as she said—

"If you wish to play for my heart, Carl, do not play for it now; a few months experience in checker-playing is not sufficient—well, well, what is the use—let us play a social game for amusement." She laughed again.

I entered the game with the express determination of beating her, and moved every man with as much caution, as if the fate of empires depended upon my success. But some how or the other, I could not keep my eyes from meeting those of Clara's, and ever and anon, one of her dark curls would fall between the men and blind my sight. Her small white hands seemed to be a wizard's wand, to confuse and misdirect my movements, and in spite of all my care and watchfulness, she beat me, game after game.

"Now," said she, half jestingly, half serious, "I will give you one month to improve yourself; at the end of that time, I will play you the serious game you desire; you see you are no match for me now."

And if ever poor mortal hung his hopes of life on one hazard, I did in the labors of that month. I commenced playing checkers in the morning, and played them until midnight. Nor food nor sleep, had power to attract me from the board. I played with every body, and played every game. Checkers became the ruling passion of my nature. If I walked out upon the hills, in the morning sun-light, I converted the groves into "men," and the landscape into a checker-board. At night, I played with the stars, and made, in turn, Venus capture Mars, and Jupiter cancel Saturn.

At length the anxious, all-important hour arrived, when my fate was to be made manifest. It is needless to say, that my passion for Clara increased with the avidity with which I strove to prepare myself for the contest. The more desperate the chances became, the dearer became the object for which I played.

Clara seemed somewhat excited, when I called, on the evening proposed, and seemed loth to begin the game. We sat and talked over our childhood, and all the intervening incidents of our lives, until Clara almost wept, and I thought regretted the foolish vow she had made about the game of checkers. But she was a determined girl, and I knew would carry out her plan. One thing, however, afforded me great satisfaction. I knew she loved me—I knew it as plain as looks, actions, I had almost said, words, could tell me. Whatever was to be the result of the game, this gratifying thought would be some consolation for my blasted hopes.

It was late, when Clara, without speaking a word, produced the checker-board, and we proceeded to play. I moved cautiously and calmly, but Clara played with no spirit; she was confused and mechanical in her movements. Still one man after another was captured, and our force and advantage remained equal. It is needless to describe the game. It is needless to tell my anxiety, as we drew near the close, and I finally left my antagonist with but one king while I had two remaining. It is needless to describe the confused, down-cast look of Clara, as I chased her last king into a corner and "penned" it. Then she lifted her eyes—over-flowing with tears,—she extended her hands,—

Well, well—I will not tell you what she did, nor what I did—only we were happy. Nor shall I tell you of the intervening golden years that ripened our hearts into a ripe consummation of our dream. I turn my eyes from the table where I write, to the opposite side of the room, where Clara—somewhat older, but still fair and blooming, sits upon the sofa, by the window. The checker-board is on the mantle,—I will close this simple, truthful sketch, and go and play her a game, but not for her heart and hand; they have been mine, long, long ages!

THE END.

STRENGTH OF THE OSTRICH.

AN ingenious Frenchman, long resident in Africa, has conceived the idea of turning the romantic bird of the desert, the mystery of middle ages, the decorator of royalty, and the wonder of our childhood, into a sort of barn-door foul, but of an importance, in an economic point of view, proportioned it its size. The long-legged, long-necked ostrich, as we see him in zoological collections, is certainly an ungainly object. He is, however, a far more agreeable looking creature in a state of freedom, and not without that charm which attaches to power and speed, and by no means the stupid bird which popular ignorance believes him to be. His instinct serves him well, though it may not be of a high order. We may say, once for all, though it may be disagreeable to destroy two thousand years of amusing illusions, and despoil some very clever similies and smart sayings, that the ostrich does not hide its head in a bush, neither does it abandon its eggs, albeit nature has, by a powerful sun and an arid sand, rendered the ordinary incubation of the parent bird superfluous. The ostrich, indeed, is not the first uncouth and partly unintelligent being who has possessed valuable and amiable qualities. He is a vigilant sentinel, and warns, with intelligent quickness, other grazing animals of the approach of man or of beasts of prey; and, lastly, the courage, in defence of its eggs and young, which it displays, is of no mean order. However, *intelligent* animals as we call ourselves, it will be more to our tastes to inquire into the edible, the clothable, the ornamental, and the pecuniary profit of the ostrich, than to dilate on its instincts and its manners. The speed of the ostrich is something wonderful.

M. Adamson, in his "Travels in Senegal," has a passage on this subject, too curious for omission. "Two ostriches," says he, "which had been tamed and brought up in the district of Pedor, gave me a sight which was too striking to escape mention. These gigantic birds, of which I had only caught glimpses in my travels through the parched and sandy plains to the left of Niger, were now submitted to my close inspection. They were so tame, that two little black boys at once mounted on the back of the larger bird. No sooner did he become aware of their weight, than he ran off at full stride, and carried the youngsters several times completely round the village before it was possible to stop him, and then only by getting in front of him, and shouting. To test the strength of these two birds, I asked a full grown negro to mount the smaller one. He did so, and two others got on the larger bird. This load, to my great astonishment, did not seem too much for their strength. At first, they went at a sort of striding walk; then, turning excited, they spread their wings to the wind, and went off at such a surprising pace that they hardly seemed to strike the ground. I feel convinced that the best race horse would have been distanced at the pace." Only imagine a trial of speed at the Centreville, Union or Fashion course, of these two-legged racers! Who knows but we may yet see it?

SPEED OF THE OSTRICH.

THE cry of the ostrich so greatly resembles that of the lion as occasionally to deceive even the natives. A single blow from its gigantic feet (it always strikes forward) is sufficient to prostrate, nay, to kill, many beasts of prey, such as the hyena, the panther, the wild dog, the jackal, and others. The ostrich is exceedingly swift of foot, under ordinary circumstances outrunning a fleet horse. "What time she lifteth herself on high, she scorneth the horse and the rider." On special occasions, and for a distance, its speed is truly marvellous—perhaps not much less than a mile in half a minute. Its feet appear hardly to touch the ground, and the length between each stride is not unfrequently twelve or fourteen feet. Indeed, if we are to credit the testimony of Mr. Adamson, who says he witnessed the feat in Senegal, such is the rapidity and muscular power of the ostrich, that even with two men mounted on his back he will outstrip an English horse in speed. The ostrich, moreover, is long-winged, if we may use the expression; so that it is a work of time to exhaust the bird. The food of the ostrich in its wild state, consists of seeds, tops and buds of various shrubs and other plants; but it is difficult to conceive how it can live at all; for one not unfrequently meets with it in regions apparently destitute of vegetation of any kind.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

G. G., Washington, D. C.—Glad to learn that you are not "stage-struck," for, if you were, we well know that all "advice" would be thrown away. If you are sincerely desirous of going upon the stage, you should seek an introduction to some member of the theatrical profession, and he would doubtless favor you with a leaf or two of his experience. After making allowances for his peculiar previous history and present state of mind, you will still be much benefited by the general purport of his remarks. At the same time you should take lessons from some first-class elocutionist, and he will most likely be qualified to prepare gentlemen for the stage. You should also take lessons in fencing, dancing, and moral deportment generally. In your own apartments you should accustom yourself to various costumes, swords, weapons, helmets, plumes, etc. In addition, you will require a medical adviser for the cultivation of voice, memory, stamina, and that surplus nervous power which electrically enables one individual to embody the expressions, the sentiments, and the characteristics of another. We wish you well, and hope to record you as famous. Remember to begin at elocution. Start fairly from *that* point, and then let expediency shape out your course, without too much adherence to any general remarks like ~~cure at the present~~. Be sure you begin right, and then go ahead. From Demosthenes to the elder Charley Matthews, correct elocution always overcame every defect or misfortune. The profession is noble, and its requirements call forth all the nobility of a true nobleman. Fare you well.

F. PARADISE SPORTING CLUB, Baltimore.—"In your Pictorial for the Christmas and New Year holidays, it is recorded that 112 yards is the greatest distance a ball was ever struck. I beg to inform you that that distance has been beaten, and beaten badly. On the 29th of March, a young mechanic of this city struck a ball 140 yards from the 'Town,' the game played being what we call 'Town Ball.' This person wishes me to state that he can, at any time, beat 112 yards. The ball used was a small India rubber one, and the bat a common broomstick." Our correspondent has not noticed that we referred to a cricket ball, which is quite a different thing from the ball he alludes to. If our friend has not seen a cricket ball, we would advise him to get one, and let his friend try how far he can send it with a broom-handle. Were one of our batsmen to have a "shy" at that "small India rubber ball," it is probable that would be the last of it, for its whereabouts would never be discovered, afterward.

H. A. S.—"Please state the time and date Ben Caunt and Freeman left this country for England—also, the time of the fight between Freeman and the Slasher." We cannot give the precise date of their departure from this country, but judge they must have left some time in February, as they arrived in Liverpool on the 10th of March, 1842. Freeman was matched with the Slasher on the 29th of September, 1842, and on the 14th of December, same year, they met and fought 70 rounds, in 84 minutes, when darkness put an end to the battle for that day—they met on the 16th, but the police interfered, and it was agreed to put it off till the 20th, when they again met, and after fighting 38 rounds, in 39 minutes, Freeman was declared the winner, the Slasher having gone down without a blow.

PHILA, Cincinnati.—1. A player making a misdeal in All Fours does not lose his deal. 2. There are three tiers of boxes in the Arch street Theatre, Philadelphia. 3. We know of no other theatres in the United States than the two opera houses of New York and Philadelphia that will seat as many spectators as the Boston Theatre. 4. As B ordered it up, he has the privilege of going alone, if he so chooses—A may play alone against B, but he cannot do more than euchre him.

FILES OF THE CLIPPER.—A correspondent states that he has all of the first volume of the CLIPPER, except from No. 2 to 29—all of the second and third, and the first 38 numbers of the fourth, which he will sell to the gentleman of Southwark, or any other person wishing them, by addressing a note to George Weaver, Long-lane, below Buck-road, Philadelphia, stating price they will give, &c.

E. W.—1. A note, with a physician's address, will be forwarded to you. 2. See elsewhere. 3. Harry Gribbin's fighting weight is about 160 lbs.; before he came to this country he fought Clarke, Morton, and Brooks; he was matched to fight Jem Parker, a few years since, but owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the ground, in Canada, nothing came of it.

L. K., Buffalo.—This correspondent states that he has written to Mr. Rosel, for those 170 recipes, advertised in our paper, but has received no reply, although considerable time has elapsed. Other correspondents have been humbugged in the same manner. Perhaps this notice may be the means of preventing others from being treated in a similar manner.

J. A. P., Bedford, L. I.—The exact range of the Minie rifle has not been ascertained. We saw it recorded recently that some soldiers firing at a target near Magdeburgh, on the Elbe, at the distance of 1000 paces, mortally wounded a laborer at work with some companions 700 paces beyond.

A. J. C., Buffalo.—The island of Ruatan is in the Bay of Honduras, and twenty-six miles from the main land. Truxillo is on the main land, about thirty miles south-east. There need be no ignorance of the geography of Central America now-a-days.

TWO FRIENDS, Chilicothe, Ohio.—There are two passage ways on the Niagara suspension bridge, one being for private vehicles, and the other, over the first, for railroad trains. Foot passengers can cross on either.

PEA JACKET, Philad'a.—Very correct, no doubt, but a leetle too strong, and calculated to cause unpleasant feelings, which it is desirable for the good of all concerned to avoid. Thanks for the information contained in your letter.

J. W. STONE.—We cannot find the name in any of the papers of Albany—still he may be there. If any of our readers in Albany know whether G. H. Barton is playing at the Albany Theatre, they will probably inform us.

FRANKFORD SUBSCRIBERS.—The Baltic, of the Collins line, has made the quickest passage from Liverpool to this country. See answer to B. R.

D. L., Niagara Falls.—1. Jem Parker is the name of the man matched to fight Gribbin in 1853. 2. Lynch, that fought and killed Kelly, is not in this country at present.

THE OLD RAM'S HEAD, Philad'a.—The battle and stakes were awarded to Morrissey on account of Sullivan getting mixed up in another fight, and not responding in season to the call of time.

JOHN BRITTON, Boston.—By "Conqueror," in 1853, when he made 100 miles in 8 hours, 55 minutes, and 53 seconds. We have alluded to the "Fanny Jenks feat" in another part of our paper.

OLD SPORT, St. Louis, Mo.—Have handed your letter to N. & R., who will reply to you. Will thank you for a report of whatever takes place of interest to the sporting world.

BADGER WANTED.—A Cleveland correspondent wishes to purchase a good badger. If any of our New York friends have one for sale, they can obtain the gentleman's address, and further particulars.

NEW CORRESPONDENT, Cleveland, O.—1. Will try and look up a set for you. 2. Of the three, we prefer Paddock. 3. We cannot say where Mr. J. G. Arnold is at present.

S. BAKER, Hartford, Ct.—The revised rules for the government of the game of Base Ball will be published in a week or two, in the CLIPPER.

W. T. R.—Johnson was not executed—he was sent to the State prison for life.

CAMILLE.—Pryor, in our opinion; but do not be in too much of a hurry to invest—there is plenty of time yet.

B. R.—The Persia has made the quickest passage *to* Liverpool from New York, but not *from* Liverpool.

AN OLD READER, Wilmington, Del.—The firemen of this city do not receive pay for their services.

S. AND J., Cambridge.—*All Fours.*—Where there is a tie in counting for game, a point is scored by the non-dealer.

A JERSEY BOY.—If you have made 100 yards in 11 seconds, you have made excellent time.

ALLEN.—This correspondent has a file of the CLIPPER, from April, 1856, to the present time, which he offers for sale.

AMATEUR, Albany.—You will see a notice of the matter in another column.

C. A.—1. Jack Randall was never defeated. 2. Tom Cribb was beaten by George Nichols.

YONKERS.—As the case is stated, it is a cut; but you should have taken care that the cards played were not placed on the top.

O'CALLAGHAN, Cincinnati.—A summary of the matters referred to will prove very acceptable.

J. W., Toronto.—As soon as we can procure a copy, the rules will be published in the CLIPPER.

J. S., Chicago.—Thanks. We have used your items.

AMERICUS.—Do, if you please. See elsewhere.

L. K., Buffalo.—Items of news will be thankfully received.

C. M., Philad'a.—England is not an island; Great Britain is.

R. W, C——E, Troy.—Thanks for your letter, and its contents.

J. H., N. Y.—Will explain next week.

THE LIGHTNING ARM;
OR, THE OLD HAG OF THE FIVE POINTS.

THIS is the title of an original sporting story to be commenced in our next. It will renew our acquaintance with many a friend of former years, and introduce to our notice some well-known characters of the present day; scenes will be vividly described, of which many of our readers will doubtless have a remembrance. This story will be illustrated, and may probably run through six or eight numbers of the CLIPPER, beginning with the first No. of the new volume.

NOTICE.—Correspondents will please take notice that we go to press on Tuesday evening of each week in order that packages for distant parts may reach their destination some time during the current week. Our friends, therefore, should mail their favors at as early a day as possible so as to ensure their publication in good season. We frequently receive items on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, (too late for that week's issue,) which might just as well have reached us on Monday or Tuesday. Will our correspondents favor us in this respect, as far as may suit their own convenience? "And we will ever pray," &c.

INDEX TO VOLUME IV.—In this week's issue, the last of the present volume, will be found a carefully prepared index of events that have been recorded in the CLIPPER during the year. This table of contents will be the means of saving our readers many an hour in their "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties."

☞ Another interesting communication from "An Old Yorkshire Turfman," reached us too late for publication in this number. It will appear in our next.

CLUB ITEMS—"WASHINGTON CLUB."—At the last meeting of the above Association, held at their Club House, No. 8 Union Place, Mr. Theodore E. Hatherway was unanimously elected Vice President for the ensuing year, in place of Mr. John F. Merriam, resigned. Messrs. John Donnington and George Compland were elected to fill vacancies in the Finance Committee; and Messrs. G. W. T. Lord and William F. Worrall were appointed by the President to make complete the Managing Committee. The principal offices are as follows:—John W. Warrin, President; T. E. Hatherway, Vice Rresident; D. M. Holdredge, Treasurer; J. H. Lounsbery, Secretary.

BINDING THE CLIPPER.—Several correspondents have made inquiries as to where they can have the CLIPPER bound, price, &c. To those who have no choice of their own as to binding, we would state that we can have them bound in cloth, with leather back, good and strong, for $1.50 per volume, 52 numbers completing the volume. By leaving the numbers with us, we will attend to the matter.

AN OLD FIREMAN AT REST.—Died in Philadelphia on the 2d inst., Jacop Trippler, Esq., in the 80th year of his age. Mr. Trippler was an active member of the "Fire Department" in Philadelphia for *over sixty-five years*, having been during that time President, Director, and an active member of "United States Fire Engine Company," and run with the apparatus up to a few days of his death. "Peace to his ashes."

A HORSE WITH A CORK LEG.—We take the following from the Adelaide (Australia) Register:—

We have recently seen Mr. Collins' mare, Jewess. It will be remembered that she broke her near fore leg on the race course in April last, while running for the town plate. Amputation was performed by Mr. Grabb, under whose care she has completely recovered. Her condition is excellent, and the cork foot seems to answer the purpose admirably.

SHOOTING EXTRAORDINARY.—Under this heading, the Mansfield (De Soto parish) Democratic Ægis, of the 27th ult., has the following paragraph:

Our fellow-townsman, H. L. Moss, while on a hunting excursion, a few days since, had the good luck to kill four large full-grown deer at one shot. "Memory of Nimrod!" can this be equaled?

DEATH OF A RACER.—We learn from the Columbus Sun that Frankfort, a very promising colt, owned by Mr. McDaniel, died immediately after the great four mile race (noticed in our Turf department) in which he was engaged. Sixteen miles were run before the race was decided. Charleston won the first, Frankfort the second, and Sue Washington the third and fourth heats.

THE HUNDRED MILE RACERS AGAIN.—It is stated in the Albany Transcript that Dalton has offered to trot the Taylor horse fifty miles over a course, for $5000 a side.

THE GREAT HUNDRED-MILE RACE.

A correspondent of the Rochester Union, in speaking of the hundred mile race, says:

I noticed in your paper of April 1st, 1857, an article from the Albany Statesman, headed "The one hundred mile race—the greatest feat on record—unparalleled speed," &c., &c.; the writer of which I think must be laboring under a great mistake. On the 5th day of May, 1845, "Fanny Jenks" was matched against time for five hundred dollars, to trot one hundred miles in ten hours, over the Bull's Head Course, near Albany, N. Y. She performed the entire distance in nine hours, forty-five minutes and twenty-seven seconds. Exclusive of the time of stopping for refreshments—eighteen minutes and twenty-seven seconds—she performed the distance in nine hours, twenty-four minutes and thirty seconds. Immediately on the completion of the match, and without stopping, she was trotted once round the course, and accomplished her 101st mile in four minutes and twenty-three seconds, making one hundred and one miles in nine hours, forty-seven minutes and twenty seconds.

To which the Statesman responds as follows:

The writer distinctly remembers the race made by "Fanny Jenks," and considers there is no comparison between the feat accomplished by her and that by the Taylor and Dalton horses. It will be remembered that "Fanny Jenks" trotted on a course which was in excellent condition, while the race last week was over roads almost impassable on account of the mud and snow drifts; and, yet, notwithstanding this, they made eighty-four miles and a half in eight hours and ten minutes! and would have trotted the one hundred miles in less time than "Fanny Jenks," had the Dalton horse kept his feet. The difference in the condition of the tracks was equal to at least one hour.

[We must put a stop to all further discussion regarding fast time in trotting one hundred miles by stating that New York is still at the "head of the heap." Some time in the latter part of the year 1852, a match was made in this vicinity that no horse in the Northern part of the United States could be produced within one year, that could trot one hundred miles in nine hours! The wager was $3000 to $1000, the odds being on time. On the 12th of November, 1853, Conqueror, a full-blooded gelding, was brought to the starting post, on a Long Island track, and started on the long and trying journey, under the guidance of Messrs. Spicer and McMann, alternately. Between 5 and 6 o'clock, P. M., the feat was concluded, the noble animal having trotted *one hundred miles* in the extraordinary time of *eight hours, fifty-five minutes, and fifty-three seconds!* including stoppages for water, sponging, &c. This is the most astonishing performance of the kind on record. Our neighbors of the rural districts will now please stop their bragging. When they have conquered the "Conqueror," it will be time enough for them to boast of their fast time, but not till then.—ED. CLIP.]

CLOSING OF BILLIARD SALOONS.—We see it stated that all the Billiard saloons in Louisville, Ky., have been closed in pursuance of a State law. We have no authentic information as to the truth of this statement; but, if correct, it only goes to show the puritanical notions entertained by some old fogies in the great and growing West, where such injurious influences, it was hoped, would not be suffered to find much favor. What is there in the beautiful and recreative game of billiards to call forth such opposition? If it is urged that the game leads to other matters not quite up to some people's ideas of morality, let us ask those pretended advocates of moral reform where we may look for pure sanctity, undefiled morality, and all that sort of thing? Let us go to the supposed fountain head of morality, the church; let us tear the veil from the "pillars" of that church, and what do we behold? Corruption in its worst form. Recent developments in the case of the Rev. Mr. Kalloch, of Boston—one of the shining lights of that city, and one whose opposition to all amusements and manly pastimes has been of the strongest kind—convince us, in connection with other disclosures elicited in similar trials, that the church has its full share of wickedness, though it is carried on beneath a moral garb. There is no such hypocrisy about our billiard saloons or other places of amusement—what is there done, is done openly, before the world.

If the Great West desires to put an extinguisher upon its rapid growth, let it inderdict all sports and pastimes for the people. What would New York be without its theatres, its billiard rooms, its bowling alleys, and other similar places? What would that "Little Giant of the West," Chicago be, were it not that it is a fac simile, almost, of our own great Empire City? Crush out the people's pastimes, and you destroy the vitality of a community. It will not do. It is time that all such old fogy and puritanical notions of propriety and morality were consigned to oblivion; and if Louisville hopes to contend successfully with other sections of our western country, in the great race now going on, she must encourage rather than oppose popular amusements. If there is such a law as that referred to above, we hope it will be speedily annulled.

A FOUR-YEAR OLD.—We are growing apace. We are beginning to look upon our "little craft" as a "mighty giant." With the present number we have attained the position of a four-year-old, and we feel our strength increasing with our years. But then, part of the credit for our healthy and prosperous condition is due to those many friends who have so nobly stood by us—who have assisted us by their patronage and advice—who have pointed out the many shoals and quicksands that seemed to obstruct our onward course—who have kindly reproved us for errors we may have committed, and applauded us when we were deserving of praise. We say, to our kind patrons, subscribers, readers, correspondents, and all, we are greatly indebted for our present proud position in the newspaper and sporting world. In the conduct of *any* journal, it is a difficult matter to please all readers; but in the guidance of a *sporting* newspaper it is almost impossible to cater successfully for the varied tastes of the readers of such a journal. We may offend one class, unwittingly, in the very effort to please another. Again, our strictures, upon certain occasions, may seem severe and undeserved, but were our readers with us, "behind the scenes," they would at once acknowledge that instead of being harsh or severe, we are far too lenient. We are loth to condemn, but when the interests of the entire sporting community demand it, we consider it our duty to expose fraud, and to hold the perpetrators of it up to public indignation. If we err in judgment, we are willing and anxious to have our faults pointed out to us in a courteous manner. With these few remarks, we again offer our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon the present volume of the CLIPPER, and hope our next may meet with equal favor. "All aboard?"

ONE OF THE OLDEN TIME.—We see it stated in a Springfield journal that "Jehu Cricket," a horse "well-known in that city," died recently at the extraordinary age of fifty years. "Poor *old* horse, let him die."

NEW RACE TRACK IN NEW YORK.—The bill for the improvement of the breed of horses passed the Senate finally, on Monday last; it had previously passed the House. It authorizes Edward Pearsall of New York city, Henry Lloyd of Queens, Lovell Purdy of Richmond, Ardil Raymond and Robert Morris of Westchester, and their associates, to form a company for the purpose of raising, breeding, and improving the breed of horses, subject to the provisions of "An Act for the incorporation of associations for improving the breed of horses," passed April 15, 1854, excepting so far as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this act. It also gives the association power to purchase or lease a suitable tract of land, to be selected by commissioners named in the bill, to be used as a course for testing the relative speed of horses; to erect suitable buildings, fences, &c.; but this provision shall not be construed to allow the racing of horses or other animals for any wagers contrary to the present provisions of the revised statutes. The Association may hold two meetings, June and October, in each year, and at these semi-annual meetings may offer prizes to be awarded as the managers may dictate. The course must be located within one of the Counties of Kings, Queens, Suffolk, New York, or Richmond. The Sheriff of the county in which the course shall be established, or his deputy, shall attend the semi-annual meetings, to keep the peace and remove all gambling implements, for which services the Association shall pay him $5 per day. If the Association permit gambling of any kind within the course, they thereby forfeit their charter and all the powers and privileges conferred by this act.

It is to be hoped that the new association will select a site more convenient to the city than the race tracks on Long Island. It has always been a great objection that the means of reaching those places were not sufficient; hence their unpopularity. We may have something more to say in reference to this subject in our next.

PRESERVATION OF GAME.—The bill for the preservation of game in this State, which has just passed the Legislature, provides as follows:

"That no person shall, within this State, kill any wild deer at any time during the months of January, February, March, April, May, June or July. Every person who shall expose to sale any green deer skin or fresh venison, or who shall have the same in his custody at any time during the month specified, shall be deemed to have violated the law; and whoever shall offend against the provisions of the act shall for each offence forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars. All penalties imposed by the act may be sued for and recovered, with the cost of such suit, before any justice of the peace in the State, by or in the name of any person making complaint thereof, one half of the fine going to the complainant."

"Another bill, relative to trout, has also passed. It provides that no person shall at any time take any trout in any of the inland public waters of this State with any net, seine, wier, basket, spear, grapple, trap or any other device whatsoever, except a hook and line. Whoever shall offend against the provisions of the act shall, for each offence, forfeit the sum of twenty-five dollars. All penalties imposed by the act may be sued for and recovered, with the costs of such suit, before any justice of the peace in this State, by or in the name of any person making complaint thereof, one half of the fine imposed going to the complainant."

TERRIFIC FIGHT.—A Winston, Md., correspondent of the Baltimore Argus states that a misunderstanding recently took place between a man from Chicago, named Drain, and another named Pendleton. A challenge was given by Drain to Pendleton, and what followed is thus related:

He accepted the challenge, and accepted for weapons bowie knives. They *nailed themselves down* to a two inch oak plank by the pants, and fought until Drain was mortally wounded. Young Pendleton was cut nearly in pieces, and is now lying in a critical condition. Part of Pendleton's knife is still in Drain's head. There is no hope of his recovery. The Doctor thinks they will both die.

Wonder if its true, or only a "penny-a-liner."

RULES OF SPORTS.—With our new volume, the first number of which will be issued next week, we intend to commence the publication of the different rules for the government of sporting events, such as Cricket, Base Ball, The Turf, Pigeon Shooting, Quoits, &c., &c. As the sporting season of '57 is now about commencing, these laws will prove interesting and valuable as records for reference, decisions, &c. Let those who wish to preserve files, procure their CLIPPERS at as early a day after publication as may be convenient.

REGATTA OF THE NEW YORK YACHT CLUB.—The annual regatta of the New York Club takes place this year on Thursday, June 4. A large number of yachts will take part in this friendly contest.

The largest yacht of the squadron will be the "Wanderer," (owned by Mr. John D. Johnson,) now building about sixty miles up the Sound. She is 241 tons, and is built both for speed and accommodations.

HOW TO TALK.—This is an art not to be despised, and Messrs. Fowler & Wells have done wisely in publishing a cheap hand-book to teach the proper expression of ideas by words. As the darkey is said to have said of a spring shower, "De Lor knows it is needed!" We are pleased to welcome Fowler & Wells in this department of literature, for the logical expression of a clear mind is one of the best proofs of sound health. Everybody should have this amusing and instructive little guide for private consultation and public improvement.

OUT FOR A DAY'S SPORT.—Now is the time to provide yourselves with fishing tackle, and other articles of a like description. An abundant and varied assortment may be found at the establishment of Mr. John Warrin, No. 48 Maiden Lane. Our Philadelphia friends may also be accommodated in like manner at the store of James Golcher & Co., where may also be had cock spurs. See advertisement elsewhere.

SHARP SHOOTING.—John J. Eshleman, Esq., of Lancaster, Pa., on the 3d inst., in the Shooting Gallery of Messrs. Hudson and Warne, in Fulton Hall, in that place, shot off-hand with a rifle, a distance of thirty yards, hitting the button every shot, twelve times in succession. The button is *two* inches in diameter, making, in the aggregate, *eight* inches, string measurement, from centre to centre.

TURNERS' FESTIVAL.—The Turners of New Bedford are to have a celebration on the 30th. A number of Turners of this city and elsewhere are expected to participate, and will be received on the 29th.

PARADE OF PHILADELPHIA FIREMEN.—This important event is set down for the 15th of September next, that being the fortieth anniversary of the organization of the Department.

CHALLENGE.—Roxbury, Mass., April 9th.—The friends of young Grimes, of Roxbury, are willing to back him against young Coffery or Johnny Morris, of Boston, at 130 pounds, for $100 or $200, in six weeks from the first deposit. If this don't suit them, I will fight any 130 pound novice in Massachusetts for the same amount. An answer through the CLIPPER will be quickly attended to, and a match can be made. M. GRIMES.

PROGRESS OF "THE ART" IN THE WEST.—A prize fight took place recently between John Lask and Fargo, at O'Connell Island, halfway between the Iowa and Illinois banks of the Mississippi. Twenty-three rounds were fought, occupying just one hour. Fargo won the battle. The stake was $250 a side.

CHALLENGE.—Having had a slight misunderstanding with a person by the name of W. W. Bush, of New York State, I hereby notify him that I will fight the said Bush a fair stand up fight for $100, or more, if acceptable to him. He may forward to you immediately, and I will attend to the same. JOHN DUANE.
Cleveland, O., April 10.

CHALLENGE.—David Lane, of Niagara Falls, states that he will fight either Harry Gribbin or Jem Parker, at 157 lbs., for $500 or $1000 a side.

STARTLING DISCLOSURES!—PRESERVATION OF GAME.—City of Reading, April 13.—DEAR FRANK: Permit us, through the medium of the CLIPPER, to call your attention, and field sportsmen in general, to a *small article* which appears in the Philadelphia North American and United States Gazette, of April 8th. The article in question is intended to puff into notoriety four *gallant sportsmen*, and the theatre of their exploits. Here is a copy:

"Four gentlemen of this city returned yesterday from a three days' sporting tour, some seven miles below the city, having killed 164 snipe, 8 woodcock, 2 killdeers, and 35 ducks. One of the sportsmen, Mr. Phayer, is over 50 years of age, and a remarkably good marksman. We venture to say there is no other northern city which has such an abundance of game in close proximity. The fens of Camden and the marshes below on the Delaware all teem with birds in their proper season."

"Tell it not in Gath! Publish it not in the streets of Askalon!" Four gentlemen killed 8 woodcock in the month of April! and one of the gentlemen over 50 years of age! Shame, shame! where is thy blush? Do the *four gentlemen* belong to the Philadelphia Association for the preservation of game? If they do, we ask—does that dignified body countenance the shooting of woodcock during the season of incubation? If the gentlemen are not members, and the Association is still in existence, and opposed to the disgraceful, dastardly and indiscriminate destruction of game out of season, why don't the officers take cognizance of the fact that four gentlemen killed 8 woodcock in the month of April? The above interrogatories we opine demand an answer. Some time ago, several parties were brought before the bar of justice and public opinion, on the charge of exposing for sale prairie hens and grouse, the penal consequences of which they had to suffer. It was hoped, after the Association had made such a good beginning, that its onward career would answer the expectations of the true lovers of sport. Whether our hopes are to be realized or blasted, remains to be seen. *What about them* 8 woodcock?

Mr. Editor, is it not time that those sportsmen who look upon numbers as a test of success should be taught some other lesson? The killing of killdeer at a time when they are mating, is wanton cruelty, and at any time a disgrace to a sportsman's bag. Men, therefore, who will sally forth in squads, and bang away at every living thing which may beset their path, we do not dub with the appellation of sportsmen, but hold them in sovereign scorn. No doubt there are among us (in Old Berks) characters who could shake hands with the four Philadelphia gentlemen, and make good companionship, but we call them *pot hunters—lawless depredators*—unworthy to associate with bona fide sportsmen. When they commit outrages against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth, by violating the game laws, or setting at nought the laws of honor, which is a living active principle among genuine sportsmen, they do it under circumstances which almost defy complete exposure. Let them, or any of them, dare to publish that they or he on the 8th of April killed woodcock, the strong arm of the law would vindicate itself, and the guilty parties meet their just deserts. So may it be with the "four gentlemen," is the desire of

OLD BERKS.

A DAY'S SNIPE SHOOTING IN INDIANA.—Indianapolis, Ia., April 8, 1857. FRANK QUEEN, *Editor Clipper—Dear Sir:* Personally unknown to you, but *a regular reader of your paper* (this last clause I believe all correspondents put in their communications) I would say that till within the last year I have lived in the city not unknown as the residence of many good knights of the trigger, called Philadelphia; I had occasion to visit this part of the country on a business tour, and on arriving here found part of my baggage had been lost and so have been compelled to wait here till it is forthcoming. Well, Mr. Editor, being the son of as good a shot as ever pulled at either Snipe, Woodcock or Quail, I thought I would take a walk out of town to see what birds frequented these regions; I had probably got a mile from the Hotel, and was rambling by the side of a little stream that wound its course through a grand old forest, when—could I be mistaken? skeak, skeak—right from under my feet got an English Snipe. Now this bird to us on the Delaware is a luxury, and I have heard my father say he would walk five miles to get a shot at one; so I marked him down about 30 yards a-head, before I got to the place, I had started no less than six others, and in the short distance of half a mile I must have seen thirty at least; a little further down I saw a ripple in the water, I found about eleven green-wingcd Teal enjoying themselves; they suffered me to get quite near them, and I stood for some time watching their graceful movements, till I found myself half believing that they were tame—but I threw up a stone and up they got beautifully; it was worth the walk to see them rise. My blood was up; I had seen some of the game of the West, and I determined to have a shot at them; so I went home and after some trauble borrowed a little double gun, ordered the porter to "call me early in the morning," and at six o'clock I was bound gun in hand for my little stream; when I reached it, I loaded my gun, and putting a small (? Ed.) charge in *myself* from a pistol whose very smell was reviving, I struck the borders of the stream. I walked some thirty or forty paces, and up got a pair of beautiful snipe. Whang! whang! went my gun, but I am not an "old un," and I only dropped my first bird—however, I had beautiful sport, and by eleven o'clock, I had killed twenty-seven as fine Snipe as ever graced a sportsman's bag. The Teal, too, were quite thick in the stream, but I was content to watch them get up and fly away; if it had been mid-winter I should have tried my luck at them. Well, I was heartily tired; I had not touched a gun before for some months, so I made a short cut through the woods for Indianapolis. All at once, out of some decaying branches, rose a huge wild Turkey—to bring my gun to my shoulder was but the work of an instant, and I flickered away at him both barrels; down came a shower of feathers, but the bird kept on his course as if he scorned number nine shot and Eastern sportsmen. At noon I reached the Bates House, where a good dinner was waiting for me—and long shall I remember my day's sport in Indiana. Knowing you loved sport, I thought I would write you this hasty line, and will only add should you ever come this way you will find at the "Bates House" all that is good for the body, and should it be April, if you will wander down my little stream in the woods, you can yourself have *A Day's Snipe Shooting.* Very respectfully, FRED. H. COOPER.

BASE BALL.—EXCELSIOR CLUB OF ALBANY.—At a regular meeting of the Albany Excelsior Base Ball Club, held April 1st, 1857, the following Officers were elected for the ensuing term: Walter C. Osborn, President; Thomas J. Goodwin, 1st Vice do.; Geo. W. Dawson, 2nd Vice do.; Fred. P. Olcott, Secretary; W. A. VanRensselaer, Treasurer. Board of Managers, T. R. Cutter, G. P. S. Gifford, C. W. Gibbs, Jno. W. Rankin, and R. M. Sherman.

AQUATICS.

ROBERT EMMET AND GRACE DARLING BOAT CLUBS.—At the close of last season, a challenge was put forth by the latter club, of Boston, to the Robert Emmet Club, of same place, but as the season was too far gone to allow of a match being made at that time, the matter was dropped. Now, that boating sports are in the ascendant again, the Emmets have renewed the subject of a match with the Grace Darling, as will be seen by the following challenge:

EAST BOSTON, April 7th, 1857.

To the Members of the Grace Darling Boat Club—Gentlemen: With regard to the challenge put forth by the members of your Club, in October, 1856, we have to inform you that it came upon us unexpected, as at that time the season had so far advanced that we had given up the idea of boat-racing, and laid up our boat in winter quarters; but now that the season is again open, and all will have ample time to prepare, we will be happy to accommodate you with a race for the amount specified in your challenge. You proposed that the race might be for $400; that, we suppose, meant $200 a side—the race to take place on or about the 15th of next May. If you are now as eager for a race as you appeared to be when the harbor was covered with ice, here is your chance. You will find a committee duly authorized to arrange all preliminaries at Mr. D. Putnam's, Richelieu Hall, Henry street, East Boston, on next Saturday evening, the 11th inst., between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock.

Signed in behalf of the Robert Emmet Boat Club of East Boston.

THOMAS J. LAVERY, *Secretary.*

COMMENCEMENT ON THE SCHUYLKILL.—In Philadelphia, the boating season was duly inaugurated on the 9th, (not the 11th, as had been stated) by an aquatic procession, comprising a number of Schuylkill barge clubs, with their barges decorated in tasteful style, while the various crews were dressed in their new uniforms, altogether presenting an interesting sight. The Imp, Iris, and Phantom, did not take part in the ceremonies—why, we have not been informed.

The Keystone Barge Club have sold their boat Atalanta, to the Pennsylvania Barge Club, a new club, who have changed her name to the Carioco. This makes eleven clubs on the Schuylkill.

CHICAGO REGATTA.—From what we can gather by a perusal of our correspondence, we should judge that the proposed regatta in Chicago, on the coming 4th of July, is already making a stir among boatmen and others in that locality. We have not heard from Milwaukie lately, but we have no doubt the clubs of that place will see to it that their city is well and ably represented at Chicago on the 4th. Let us hear from you, on the subject, ye boatmen of Milwaukie.

MATCH RACE.—On the 4th of May, a race will take place on the East River between Commodore Ebling's yacht "Webster," and the "Kirby," owned by Thraham, of Brooklyn, for $500. Both yachts belong Harlem Model Yacht Club.

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YACHT CLUB.—At a meeting of the Club, held on the 7th inst., Mr. J. B. modore for the ensuing year.

COCKING.

CUI BONO.—*Mr. Editor:* Your always acceptable paper came to hand this week with more than ordinary satisfaction; and, although humiliating to see how low a human being can make himself, it is, nevertheless, well that the public should know and carefully avoid the calumniator who signs his scrawls "An Old Sport." No man, however desperate his case may be, is justifiable in assailing by deception and falsehood the character and reputation of another; this is the category of your quasi correspondent. It will not be my purpose to exhume his vacant form beyond the portals of its unhallowed Sepulchre farther than to hold it to the gaze of its reflections; the rest I leave for the Coroner.

The communication dated March 28th, signed "An Old Sport," is beyond the pale of criticism; there is scarcely a line written intelligibly or grammatically; it is a chaotic mass of misrepresentation and falsehood, as I will proceed to show.

First: An Old Sport says he is not the advocate of either party.

Second: He says on entering the pit, &c.

Third: He quotes what he would make appear my exclamation.

Fourth: He refers to a challenge aimed at me after I had declined publicly to accept a challenge or make a match, except the one where I proposed to fight a Stag in a *friendly* way against anything the Screw Dock party owned, and which was *never* accepted by them.

Fifth: He says, I bought one Cock for the express purpose of fighting *that* match, Shake Bag.

Sixth: Instead of fighting, I took him to the State Poultry Exhibition.

Seventh: And I there sold him.

In order to show up this slanderer, that he may be lashed naked through the world, I propose the following, viz:

I will bet first: Ten dollars, I *can* prove him the advocate of one party.

Second: Ten dollars, he *cannot* prove that he entered the pit at Matt Rusk's the time he names.

Third: Ten dollars, he *cannot* prove I uttered the exclamation he quotes.

Fourth: Ten dollars, he *cannot* prove I bought a Cock for five dollars.

Fifth: Ten dollars, he *cannot* prove I bought a Cock for the purpose of making a match.

Sixth: Ten dollars, he *cannot* prove I exhibited poultry of any kind at the late State Poultry Exhibition.

Seventh: Ten dollars, he *cannot* prove I sold a fowl of any kind at that exhibition, or any time either previously or subsequently.

Eighth: Twenty dollars, he *dare not* accept the above bets.

Ninth: Ten dollars, he *dare not* accept any two.

FRANK QUEEN, EDITOR CLIPPER—The author of the above has this day deposited in my hands twenty-five dollars as forfeit; his propositions or bets to remain open until Saturday, the 25th inst.

WM. A. JONES, S. W. cor. Fourth & George, 16th Ward.

Philadelphia, April 11, 1857.

Mr. Jones to be final stakeholder; I to appoint one judge, the accepting party another, the two to select a referee.

THE DUNGHILL MAIN!

This superannuated sport, after admitting that six out of nine of their cocks run away, &c., adds, "When a man wishes to practice dishonesty, he always practices honesty." Good Lord, what a speech! He further says, pointblank, the Screwdock party's cocks were rubbed; hear him—"the next morning I called to see the cocks (Screwdocks,) but what a sight met my gaze—cocks that were able to fight anything the day before, now were shown with their mouths burnt to a crisp *with a preparation with which they had been rubbed.*" One *went* dead, another *went* blind, the balance *went* somewhere else. Hear him again! "I feel justified in saying they never would have made the main, had they not had things fixed with their handler, who is the only one in the city that would stoop to such dirt."

As it is thus expressed, he says in so many words it was the handler of the Screwdock fowls that did the whole of this dirty business.

Now as I happen to know intimately that person (and a skilful one he is,) I take it upon myself to deny in toto the base allegation, and will vouch for his honesty and upright dealings; this I do for the information of the readers of the CLIPPER who are not personally acquainted with the party in question. Where he is known, he needs no commendation at the hands of anybody; he is of quite a different stripe from you, Old Sport, very different; he is truthful, you are not. The idea of a poisoned main is simply so ridiculous as to be almost beneath notice. The Screwdock party would be but poorly complimented indeed when defeat is to be ascribed to their ignorance of the art of Cocking; could it be possible that of all the men interested in their behalf there was not one to discover *foul?* No, no, this cannot be; they know too much to be swindled with their eyes open, at least to this business. Poisoned main, forsooth; I have taken some pains to inquire into this matter, and learn from experienced cockers and others present at the main, that the whole charge is a gross libel, there is no truth in it; and the reasons given for the superiority of the cocks of the opposite party were, that they were in the best condition, and were, as the sequel proves, the best cocks; those representing the Screwdocks being rank dunghills. I am not much surprised because the Screwdocks lost the main, but I must admit my astonishment that so many of their cocks ran away; probably all that could, and I dare say the other three would have run off too had they got a chance.

Poisoned main, forsooth; every experienced man I have spoken to upon the subject says, that when in condition, no thorough-bred game cock will run away from another rubbed with anything.

Let it be understood I take sides with neither party, nor is it for me to say whose fault it was the main of stags referred to was not fought; I leave this matter where it belongs; there are generally two sides to a question. There is one thing, however, I wish, and that is, things shall be called by their right names; dunghill is the name by which that remarkable main shall hereafter be denominated; yea, verily,

☞ THE DUNGHILL MAIN!

For the true lovers of sport, (I know there are many,) in order to elevate the tone of our amusements and give impetus to the propagation of the game fowl, have I devoted some time and no little trouble; the motive at least I trust will be appreciated; and while I may occasionally raise a stag that fights and runs away, let others be not discouraged. To your many enlightened readers, as well as yourself, Mr. Editor, do I apologise for this lengthy and perhaps uninteresting article; but with the assurance of my continued efforts in behalf of that noble bird, the blood horse of the feathered creation,

I remain truly, WHITE HACKLE.

Philadelphia, April 11, 1857.

CARD.—FRANK QUEEN, EDITOR CLIPPER—Having seen from time to time in your valuable journal challenges over the signature of "Screw Dock," "Game Cock," or others, to fight a shake for one hundred dollars, I embrace the present occasion to say that I met the ostensible owner and backer of the Shake Bag henny, and offered to match him for one hundred dollars, appointing a night for the meeting to post the money and make final arrangements for the match; and observed at the same time that I would not allow *chicken lifters* to enter my pit. In the course of a few days I received word that they declined the match. The reason for their thus backing down I leave for them to explain; until that time arrives, your readers will draw their own conclusion.

N. B.—I am still prepared to match the henny with a much smaller Cock, White Hackle at that, for $50 or $100 a side, to fight in ten days after the money is posted, the match to be subject to the stipulations named above, that is, *chicken lifters* not admitted. I may be found any time at the south-west corner of Fourth and George streets, Sixteenth Ward. Yours Truly, MATTHIAS RUSK.

Philadelphia, April 13, 1857.

ALLEN VS. THE RHEA'S LANE PARTY.—Norfolk, Va., April 11, 1857.—MR. EDITOR: In your valuable sporting sheet of the 11th inst, we noticed an article headed "Cocking in Virginia," purporting to have been communicated by R. H. Allen, of Richmond, Va., who claims to have backed down the Rhea's Lane party, of Norfolk, and all Norfolk in general. We have only to say that his report is entirely beyond the orbit of truth, and we stand ready at any time to fight Mr. Allen's main of cocks, ruling out foul gaffs, or be governed by the North Carolina and Virginia rules, from $100 to $1000. Mr. Richard Dudley went to the expense of going to Richmond for the purpose of closing the main with Mr. Allen, but he (Mr. Allen) would not close the main, without fighting foul gaffs. $500 was "shocked" at him, ruling out these foul gaffs (which were so decided by our umpire,) but he backed down; so the boot is on the other leg, and we stand ready and open to fight his main as above proposed. Yours,

RHEA'S LANE COCK-FIGHTERS AND NORFOLK IN GENERAL.

P. S.—Mr. Allen has no more money than a horse can carry down hill on ice anyhow, for on his own dunghill, in Richmond, he was two hours and a half getting $50 to put up as forfeit, to close a main for $200.

HOME AND HOME CRIBBAGE MATCH.—A few weeks since we published a challenge from the New England House players to those of the Pittsburgh House, both in Philadelphia, for a home and home match at Cribbage. The challenge was accepted, for suppers for the party, six on each side. Monday evening, March 30th, was appointed to play the first match, at Mr. Hill's New England House. The following is the result of five games each:

New England Players.		Pittsburgh Players.	
Alfred Hill	11111	L. Hawley	00000
R. Rice	11110	James Walton	00001
W. Hancock	00011	K. Lancaster	11100
R. E. Hilsey	00100	Mr. Bardsley	11011
E. Smith	01101	J. Smith	10010
E. Matthews	11001	T. Keywood	00110
Total	18 gs.	Total	12 gs.

The following is the return match, played at Hawley's, Pittsburgh House, April 6th:

RESULT OF SECOND GAME.

New England House.		Pittsburgh House.	
Alfred Hill	11101	Mr. Hawley	00010
John Cropper	00100	T. Keywood	11011
R. Rice	00010	J. Smith	11101
E. Matthews	01111	James Walton	10000
John Carpenter	01111	E. Lancaster	10000
Mr. Hunt	01111	W. Middleton	10000
Total	18 gs.	Total	12 gs.

The New England House company proving the victors on both occasions.

ERRATA.—In the score of the Cincinnati Club, published in our last, the figures attached to Colton's name, in the first innings, of Piercy's side, should be 13 instead of 15, as sent us and so published.

SPARRING.

JEM PARKER'S BENEFIT.—The benefit of Mr. Parker came off on Monday evening, as announced, at Kerrigan's Hall, and, notwithstanding the inclement weather, was fairly attended. The audience was a model of propriety, and we have seldom seen better order and more peaceful enjoyment within the walls of any place of amusement.

About 8 o'clock, the performance commenced, by Wm. Tovee, that veteran boxer, introducing Young Tovee and Young Nolan for the first set-to:—

A fair spar, in which Young Tovee got the odd falls, and Nolan, perhaps, the odd licks. Both men show fine nerve, and give great promise for the future.

2nd? Young Randall and Mike O'Brian next took the ring, and immediately went to work. Randall is the smaller, but stands finely on his pins, and strikes with grace and precision. O'Brian was rather wild, but ponderous and strong.

3d. Young O'Neal and White Headed Bob appeared next, and started at a game of give and take, which did not suit Bob, so he floored his man. In the after rounds, Bob out-generaled his antagonist, by slip and dodge. That getting away of the White Head's was most admirable. Both men shared the applause of the audience, and deserved it.

4th. Tom McGowan and Young Barnes next took the stage. This was a beautiful set-to, Tom being manifestly the best boxer, and Barnes the most dangerous man. It was a cheerful spar, deserving great credit on both sides.

5th. Young Armstrong and Johnny Aarons. A good match, displaying excellent science, but rather rough and hard hitting for the exhibition room.

6th. Young Cole, of Cleveland, O., aged about eighteen, was brought forward against Jack Adams. We were astonished at the young man's temerity at first, but our amazement was turned the other way before the mill was over.

7th. Johnny Roach and Mike Trainer. Pretty sparring, and a few rough hits.

8th. Michael Manly and Young Shiner—two boys of twelve years—gave us a pretty play, in which Shiner did all the boxing, and the other seemed only desirous of showing how *Manly* he could be in his endurance. If this young gentleman should ever get in the P. R., he might gain the battle, as Gen. Taylor won Buena Vista—by being three or four times whipped, and not know it.

9th. Jem McCarty and Dan Gallagher. A verdict upon this match depends upon circumstances. If the parties intended it as a farce, to illustrate the awkwardness of scientific fighters, they succeeded to perfection; but otherwise, it was a most signal failure. It was a bad specimen of school-boys, hitting each other in the face, displaying neither science, skill, nor discretion. Boys, mend your guards.

10th. Johnny Farren, of this city, and Jem Phillips, of Nova Scotia. The latter gentleman displayed rather the slippery-ness of an eel, on first entering, but run through the sand in short order. This match was early brought to a close, from some cause unknown.

11th. Jack Adams — Dennis Horrigan. A beautiful set-to, of course, with square boxing, good dodging, and merry hitting. A rare treat.

12th. Of course the programme would not be complete without a set-to with the old veteran, Bill Tovee. He came into the ring with Young Mooney, and gave us a merry spar between Old and Young America, which every body enjoyed. May the veteran never grow older.

13th and last. Jem Parker, the beneficiary, appeared with his friend, Harry Gribbin, to wind up the performance And a good wind up it was—a conclusion such as we hope to see often. We like to witness men of their stature, square built, and good boxers, contend for the palm in the arena. It is needless to say, that Parker, despite ill-health and physical debility, is still the same in science and nerve, and won the admiration of his friends.

The affair closed up with the utmost peace and order, and every one was gratified in the extreme. The crowd dispersed, wishing Jem a successful combat with all his ills, a victorious conquest through life, and his man down at the close. So mote it be.

EXHIBITION IN BUFFALO.—Harry Lazarus and Chicago Jack gave a Sparring Exhibition in Townsend Hall, last night, and, notwithstanding the weather was very cold and blustery, the Hall was well filled. Quite a number put the mittens on, and a good deal of sport was made for the audience. Old Izzy had a set-to with a stranger, who, after a few rounds, made the old gent puff like a porpoise. The wind up was to have been between Harry Lazarus and Johnny Roberts, but Johnny was excused in consequence of his face being rather disfigured, the doctor having lanced it only a few hours before. Roberts told the audience, however, that as it was announced on the bills that he would appear, he would do so if they wished. Of course he was excused by all. The wind up was between Harry and a stranger, after which the audience retired, well satisfied with the night's sport. So, by Harry's using the public well, the people use him well. The bills for his last exhibition, some six weeks ago, had the names of Mackey, Parker, and a host of others to set-to; but the people found out that Mackey, Parker, and some of the others were not in town; the result was, the exhibition did not pay expenses. The bills for last night were plain, and told the truth, and there was a good attendance. I hope it will be a lesson to all boxers. They should bear in mind that if they try to deceive the people, the people will deceive them. Buffalo, April 7, 1857. L. K.

CRICKET.

CRICKETER'S GOSSIP.—The Yonkers Club will open the ball for the season on Saturday, the 18th inst., by playing a match between the American and English players of the club. This club is progressing fast, and will be much stronger this season than it was last; such being the case, those clubs that contemplate match-making with them, will please to take heed, lest they get beaten.

An adjourned meeting of the New York Club will take place at Pontin's Hotel, 30 Read-street, on Wednesday evening, 15th inst., at 7½ o'clock. It is requested that all those members who can possibly make it convenient, will attend.

The gentlemen of the Newark Club seem determined to keep pace with the times. They have engaged Halles, the fast bowler, for the season; and, from the cricketing spirit manifested, stand a good chance of retaining the laurels they so nobly won during the last campaign.

The Knights of St. George met at the banquet table on Wednesday evening, 8th inst. They had quite a grand time, and seemed very sanguine of the result of their several matches to be played during the ensuing season.

ALBANY CRICKET CLUB.—This club met on the evening of the 6th inst., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were chosen:

President—Wm. Lacy.
Vice-President—T. R. Cutter.
Secretary—Ferdinand Rich.
Treasurer—Wm. W. Cooper.
Ground Committee—Wm. Lacy, Jas. Smith, W. A. Van Rensselaer, Jno. Hughes, F. L. R. Chapin.
Match Committee—Wm. Lacy, Ambrose Rose, John Hobbs.
Finance Committee—John C. Austin, Rob. Baby, H. March.

The contemplated match between eighteen of the clubs of Albany and those west of that city, in the State, and eleven of the clubs of New York, was referred to the Match Committee. In this match the clubs of Cohoes, Amsterdam, Johnstown, Utica, Rochester and Syracuse will be requested to participate.

There are other matches in contemplation, in which it is expected the Albany club will be called on to participate, viz: eleven players selected from clubs outside of New York City vs. eleven players of the New York clubs.

The North of England vs. The South of England.

Eleven English vs. eighteen American.

The United States (English and American) vs. Canada.

UNION CRICKET CLUB.—At a regular monthly meeting of the members of the Union Cricket Club of Amsterdam, held at their rooms on the evening of the 7th inst., the following officers were elected for the year ensuing:—President, Isaac Jackson, Jr., re-elected; Vice President, Samuel C. Belding; Secretary, Harvy Bell, Jr., re-elected; Vice Secretary, Archibald W. Young; Treasurer, Arthur Warnick, re-elected. Eight new members were proposed and elected, making eleven in all during the present season. The best of harmony and good feeling prevailed.

MANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB.—Cricketers in New Hampshire are already a-stir. The Manchester Club held a meeting on the 1st inst., for the purpose of electing officers, and transacting other business, when the following named gentlemen were elected for the ensuing year: President, Robert Allen; Vice-President, John Elsworth; Treasurer, Edward Elsworth; Secretary, Horatio Fradd. We learn that our friends of the Manchester Club will turn out for a day's play probably some time during the present week.

THE TURF.

BEGINNING OF THE SPRING RACES.—CHATTAHOOCHE COURSE.—The annual meeting over the Chattahoochee Course near Columbus (Ga.,) commenced on Tuesday, the 31st ult., with a good attendance on the part of those fond of those sports of the turf.

FIRST DAY—COLT STAKES—MILE HEATS.—The colt Charleston, Don Juan and Birdcatcher, responded to the sound of the bugle. Charleston took the first heat, strongly contested by Don Juan. The second was a dead heat between Charleston and Don Juan. The third heat was won by Don Juan, and the fourth by Charleston.

SUMMARY.

Puryear's Charleston	1	0	2	1
McDaniel's Don Juan	2	0	1	2
Barton's Birdcatcher	3	3	3	3

Time—1:46; 1:46; 1:48½; 1:47¾.

SECOND DAY.—There was a very good attendance at the track, and the sport was delightful. The contest for the purse was animated and the wagers plentiful. The stakes were taken by Kate Hunter, she winning successively the *two-first* heats.

SECOND DAY—TWO MILE HEATS.—SUMMARY.

McDaniel's Kate Hunter	1	1
Pryor's Frank Allen	2	2
Caffey's Betty Hawkins	3	3

Time—3:44; 3:41.

THIRD DAY—JOCKEY CLUB PURSE $500.—The contending horses were D. McDaniel's ch. h. Frankfort, and C. S. Pryor's br. h. Moidore.

Frankfort was very largely the favorite up to the start, when the betting got even, and in some cases odds were given on Moidore.

At the tap of the drum, Frankfort, who drew the inside track, sprang off with the lead and maintained it throughout the heat with apparent ease; Moidore running on the outside of the track to avoid the mud, which was quite heavy, on account of the rain on Wednesday night. Time, 6:11.

The second heat was a very fine one, Moidore leading the entire heat, until some two hundred yards from the score, when he struck a stone or snag and broke his hoof badly, thereby losing the heat, beyond a doubt. Time, 5:59½.

LAST DAY.—FOUR-MILE HEATS.—ENTRIES.—Charleston, Sue Washington and Frankfort. A crowd went out to see this, the race of the season. Charleston was rather the favorite, and the betting was about even between him and the mare. There never was a better contested race over our course. A good deal of money was staked and bet. The purse and belongings, $2,250, looked very serious, and the folk put in very savage. We do not know who bet or who didn't, but we do know that there never has been in the South a more heartily contested race. Not having time to enlarge, we refer to the following statement:

Sue Washington	2	3	1	1
Frankfort	3	1	2	2
Charleston	1	2	3	dr.

A hard race all the way through, and the time was: 1st heat, 7:39; 2d heat, 7:40; 3d heat, 8:00; 4th heat, 8:15½, and Sue having taken the last two heats, won the race, with great glory and a good deal of noise.

MOBILE RACES—MAGNOLIA COURSE—MATCH RACE.—A match race between Ferrie Henshaw's Ellen Tree and James McLane's Gov. Dorr, was won by the the former in two straight heats, in 2:57 and 2:58½. The summary is as follows:

MAGNOLIA COURSE.—Monday, March 23d—Match Race—Trotting—Mile heats.

Ferrie Henshaw's b. m. Ellen Tree	1	1
James McLane's s. g. Gov. Dorr	2	2

Time—2:57: 2:58½.

MAGNOLIA COURSE, MOBILE, March 25, 1857.—The Knapp Stake—Purse $100—Mile Heats, 3 in 5—in harness.

Wm. Skilling's b. g. Old John	1	1	1
W. Cotterell's gr. g. Spaw	2	2	2
J. McLane's ch. g. Gov. Dorr	3	3	3

Time—2:56¼; 3:02¼; 3:02.

SECOND RACE—TROTTING.—Mile Heats, 3 in 5—Purse $150, with inside stake of $150 each. Purse, &c., $750.

Hitchcock's b. g. T. Mack	1	1	1
R. Cotterell's bay mare	2	2	2
W. Cotterell's gr. m. Queen	3	3	dr
Chambers's ch. m. Grace Walton	r. out.		

Time—2:52; 2:52¼; 2:47¾.

METAIRE JOCKEY CLUB RACES.—SPRING MEETING—1857.—The first races under the auspices of the Metaire Association came off yesterday, and although the promised sport was all that we had predicted, the attendance was limited. The ladies's stand presented a pleasing array of beauty and fashion, and they were evidently delighted. The members of the club were in full force, and their numbers were apparently greater than those in the public stand, which showed comparatively "a beggarly account of empty boxes." The course was in a fair condition, and although not in that elastic state in which it is generally found at this season of the year, on account of the protracted dry weather, it was safe and in order for a rapid race. A little rain would greatly improve it.

The first race—a dash of two miles, brought out Release, a half-sister of the renowned Lexington, Bill Fisher, Flying Dutchman; the first named, the favorite against the field, the betting however quite limited.

At the tap, the Dutchman took the lead, evidently in hand, Release in waiting close by him, and Billy Fisher a little way behind; as they rounded the turn and got fairly into the back stretch, the pace increased, and at the half mile they were in a bunch, and a very pretty sight it was indeed. In rounding the turn for the home stretch, Billy made play and took the lead, which he kept through the remainder of the first mile. At this point little Billy Rash on the Dutchman very shrewdly took a pull on his horse, and let the two take a tilt at each other, which greatly increased the interest of the race. The pace up the back stretch of the second mile was apparently severe, and they opened a gap upon the Dutchman. In rounding the turn for the run home, however, the Dutchman was in good position, and from the head of the strech to the judges' stand, we have rarely witnessed a more exciting contest, which, to the equal delight and astonishment of the fielders, resulted in the Dutchman's getting to the money place in advance of the party. To say that the riding of Billy Rash won the race, is but expressing the opinion of nearly all who saw it. For the nonce he was the lion of the day.

The second race—a sweepstakes, two mile heats—Minnehaha and Moise were the contending nags. The former the favorite before starting 50 to 40. Minnehaha took the lead in each heat, and maintained it throughout the race, leaving the pace to be regulated by Moise, which was quicker the second than the first heat. The summary will explain the whole affair:

SATURDAY, April 4.—J. C. purse $250—two miles out

A. K. Richard's b. c. own brother of Flying Dutchman, 3 years. [Wm. Rash]	1
Thomas J. Wells's b. g. Bill Fisher, by imp. Sovereign, out of Margaret Edna, 3 years	2
A. Lecomte & Co.'s br. m. Release, by Bethune, out of Alice Carneal, 5 years	3

TIME.

First mile, 1:52; second mile, 1:52. Total, 3:44.

SAME DAY.—Sweepstakes for 3 years olds. Subscription $300, forfeit $100—$500 added by the club. Two mile heats:

D. F. Kenner's b. . Minnehaha, by Mahomet, out of Kate Aubrey	1 1
Thomas J. Wells's b. g. Moise, by Capt. Elgee, dam by Ruby	2 2
C. P. Coyle's b. g. Marksman	pd ft.

TIME.

First Heat.		Second Heat.	
First Mile	1:51½	First Mile	1:47
Second Mile	1:51½	Second Mile	1:53
Total	3:43	Total	3:40

The race for the purse, three mile heats, will come off on Tuesday next, and the sport will continue throughout the week. [NEW ORLEANS PICAYUNE, April 5.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1857.

COD-LIVER OIL DISTANCED.

ONE OF OUR CURES FOR CONSUMPTION.

Consumption and cod-liver oil are often combined in conversation, but we are now about to show the relative influences of cod fishing. This is the time of year for a demonstration towards the fishing grounds, in search of good hauls and improved muscle, witnessing our national school for sailors.

In the first place, a consumptive tendency in the lungs need not be looked upon as absolutely essential. What we are about to propose will generally prevent, alleviate, or cure consumption, but is sure to improve the health and usefulness of any man.

We will suppose that one of our disciples wishes to attain a more active and enduring condition of health—consumption or no consumption. Let him follow the advice here given, if he really contemplates a trip for the benefit of his health. If not, he will find much instruction in merely reading about what others perform. The experience is practical, and may be depended upon.

Start right off to some nice little Yankee seaport, such as they have in Maine. A vessel of about thirty-five to seventy-five tons is generally the most comfortable. The crew will then probably consist of the skipper, six men, and the cook. The usual feed on board is two barrels of mess pork, a kid of fresh beef, one barrel of flour, a kid of brine beef, thirteen barrels of pilot bread, twenty bushels of potatoes, thirty gallons of molasses, and a good allowance of tea, coffee, sugar, ground ginger, dried apples, eggs, cream of tartar, spices, pickles, butter, raisins, and such like small stores.

Many readers will be surprised at this style of living, in addition to the usual delicious cookings of fish enjoyed on such vessels. But, we are inside of the truth, for those cod-fish hunters now have all the knick-knack small stores in abundance, with medicine chests, books to read, etc. The last ten years, or even five years, have made a great improvement in this respect. The mackerel fishery has been so successful, and offered so many inducements to farmers for a fishing trip, that only superior vessels, with agreeable rations, could get any crews at all. Formerly, any old dredger that could carry sail was considered good enough "to go to the banks." Now they employ only good vessels, worth from about $3500 to $7500, before their outfit. In the former history of this business, (and not very long since,) the hands had a proverb among themselves, based upon the fact that the fish they caught would be their only food—"going a fishing at the halves, and finding yourself." The fact is, that a superior class of men offering, (such as farmers and mechanics, besides those professional men who also wished to have the benefit of such a trip,) has caused quite a favorable revolution in these matters, and hence we wish to show our readers how to gain a desirable change of employment at sea, and go in for a comfortable time generally.

No doubt the bounties on the mackerel fishery have done much to improve the general character of "fishing on the banks." Indeed, there is some danger lately of having things a "little too nice" on board these vessels. Certainly, those parties, American or British, who are familiar with the business, find that all their bounty money scarcely meets their now increased expenses. Let the best vessel that ever was once get a bad name on the subject of provisions, and neither Yankees nor Britishers will go near her to do a hand's turn, or give her a lift anyhow. The owners call good fishermen who stipulate for the best provisions "sharp shooters." No matter for that; the "sharp shooters" look out carefully and regulate their affairs before submitting themselves to the discipline of the service. Luckily, the Yankee crews are generally made up of good fellows who are mutually acquainted where they belong, and any "almighty mean man" would stand but a small chance for success among them. These particulars are stated in order to show that although fatigue and labor are certain, suitable provisions and good treatment are equally sure, although, of course, (as on shore,) employers and situations may vary for the better or the worse. Why cannot we all fraternize more with the jolly tars at sea?

A leaf of experience is worth volumes of theory. A gentleman of our acquaintance, formerly residing in Boston, took a notion once, with some other professionals, to try "a trip to the banks." A friend of his, at Scituate Harbor, was just about starting on his spring trip in a little beauty of a craft, measuring about thirty-five tons. Her equipment was a first-rate hemp cable, about a hundred and ninety fathoms long, and five inches and a half in circumference. The three anchors were 120, 140, and 160 pounds each. There were six nets, to catch bait with. Besides these, were five dozen cod lines of about twenty-eight fathoms each; three dozen leads of about five pounds each; two gross of cod hooks; suitable files for sharpening the cod hooks; with such knives as come handy in cutting the bait or dressing the fish, proper gear for the nets, etc., etc. In the hold was a stout boarded pen, containing about thirty-five hogsheads of Liverpool salt. The provisions, wood, and water, were soon brought on board; the kids, tubs, and oil casks, lashed safely on deck; the fishing gear all rigged and ready for use; and various other employments given to the new comers, so as to "break them in" for active service, and prepare their soft white hands for salt-water hauling. If any one wished to back out of the bargain, *now was the time*. But the Boston party were not to be bluffed off. They liked the adventure. Capt. Sam T—— was just the man to lead good fellows, and on the 23d of April, (St. George's Day,) the little Yankee craft headed for her "nor aist coorse" towards Cape Sable, with a St. George flag at the fore and the star-spangled banner on the gaff-topsail peak. By helping sailors we help ourselves.

The southward of Cape Sable is generally preferred on the first trip of the season to the "banks and grounds." Sixty fathoms is the depth usually selected for a berth, and the craft is then brought to anchor. The sails (with the exception of the mainsail) are furled. The mainsail is then close reefed and hoisted up taut as possible, with its boom lashed exactly amidship. This style of trim is called the riding sail, for, by the arrangements thus made, the vessel's head can be kept in the eye of the wind and she is steadied from rolling. In a gale of wind, when all the cable is out, it may part in the night, and the former style of business was to call all hands to heave in the remnant; but now the "patent purchase" has superseded the old-fashioned job of heaving up with handspikes. In case the cable does part, the vessel should be hove to under a double-reefed foresail, when she will ride more easily at this point than at anchor. A sailor's life ought to be better understood.

When fishing is to commence in earnest, a barrel of salted clams is taken on deck and opened for the crew to use as bait. Each man detailed for hauling takes two full-rigged lines, each of which comprises four of the twenty-eight-fathom shots. Two hooks should be attached to each lead, and while one line is running out he should haul in the other frequently. The current is generally strong enough to require fifteen or twenty fathoms of line in addition to the depth, in order to reach bottom.

Now the new fisherman begans to find the literal meaning of the term a "raw hand." But, as the salt water immediately heals the flesh, a man made of the right sort of stuff does not much object to this method of being introduced among the hard-handed. Hauling in the fish is certainly much more like hard work than fashionable amusement, and we may as well own up the truth about it. But, look at the glorious health the fisherman begins to inhale and accumulate. Yo, heave, ho! Bear a hand, my hearties!

The ceremony of hauling in has its perplexities as well as labor. Sometimes the winds and the currents entangle the lines so much that an hour is lost in getting them clear. The fishermen make long days when they are at work, and after enough fish have been hauled to employ the time until dark in clearing away, the lines must be snugly coiled away, and each man then takes his station to "dress down."

This is the time for greenhorns and dandies to get such a "dressing down" as they never had before. To a man who has been hauling all day it seems like a relief, especially after eating such a meal as his now genuine appetite will suggest. "Dress down!" is the command. The stations are occupied by the cutter, the header, the spitter, (usually the captain,) and the salter, with their assistants. If the crew has hands enough, it is a good plan to have four other men, to make up a "relief," hour in and hour out. Give poor Jack a chance for the fair shake.

The fish tubs are supposed to be full. The cutter takes out the tongue, rips the fish open, breaks the vertebræ of the neck across the edge of the tub, and passes his codship to the header. The header takes out the liver, (which is saved now for the oil manufacturers,) throws the head and entrails into the gurry kid, and than slides his codship to the spitter. The spitter is provided with a knife slightly curved for the purpose, and then cuts out the back bone, after which he throws his codship to the salter. The salter's place is in the hold, and he salts his victims down in heaps like cocks of hay across the width of the vessel. It is the fisherman's harvest.

The bones are saved in a heap until the fish are dressed, and then all hands commence to cut out the sounds, which are to be scraped, washed, and salted in a barrel. The right proportion of salt used by the salter is a very important consideration.

A "gurry kid," what is that? This institution is a rough bin extending the width of about five feet clear across the deck, and about the height of the vessel's rail. It is a repository for the heads, entrails, bones, and other offal, which, if thrown overboard, would spoil the chances for fishing in that berth for a week at least. Consequently, the gurry kid is not to be emptied until the vessel removes to a fresh berth. When fish are plentiful, a vessel may not be obliged to change its anchorage every day. The gurry kid is therefore a very useful institution, as long as the vessel remains "tied up by the nose."

About the middle of May the herring shoals begin to arrive, and then the fishermen require deeper water. Not less than ninety or a hundred fathoms would yield a suitable berth. Now the "green hands" begin to find out what is what. The accomplishment of turning out at daylight is something; and then to remain all day hauling in nets against a four-knot current, rain or shine, with wet feet, is more pleasant to talk of and look back upon than to experience. Sometimes the lines and nets get snarled to about the size of a Hingham bucket, and then there is a nice chance for the exercise of patience. Sometimes haddock and skate get into the nets, but they are worthless at that season, and do not "count." When night comes, a two-hour dog watch forms a reviving commentary for a tired and sleepy man to think about—at any rate it gives him a decided opportunity for reflection. This sort of imitation of the irregular hours of fashionable life generally lasts until the middle of June, when the skipper goes home and lands the fish he has caught.

In the example we have mentioned, the hauls were very satisfactory, and the party got home to Scituate Light as early as the 15th of June. The whole crew volunteered for the second trip of the season; but, after returning to Boston, two of the professional gentlemen were unwillingly detained by important business, while all their friends complimented them upon the hardy health and useful manhood they had attained.

Capt. Sam T—— having a suitauble depot on the beach at Scituate and a sale agent in Boston, was able to set sail again as soon as he could unload and refit, and by the 20th of Jane he headed up again on that famous "noraist coorse" which has become so famous. The Bay of Fundy is usually preferred to the Bay of St. Lawrence. In the first place, the fish are not only larger but of a better quality; and there are many other reasons. It is true that the routine of business causes more wear and tear, but the advantages more than compensate. This wear and tear are caused by the strong currents in the Bay of Fundy, which compel the fishermen to keep their vessel on a drift.

"On a drift," what is that? The object is to have the vessel held in a stationary manner by the action of her own sails. To do this, the mainsail is hauled out by a tackle to an angle of about thirty degrees, the fore sheet is eased off, and the jib hauled down. This holds her in all weathers, winds, or currents, and hence the wear and tear of sails and rigging. But the fishing goes on without any interruptions, and our seaboard people should learn to become a maritime community.

July is made up of hot sunshine and thick fogs, but always healthy for fishermen. About the middle of the month the dog fish begin to appear, and they are the greatest trial the fishermen have to encounter. They come around the vessel in thousands, and on a calm evening their dorsal fins just break the surface of the water; and, on hauling in a line, both hooks are frequently missing in consequence of the nibblings of those saw-teeth intruders. Then again, the nets for bait must be hauled in and picked every hour during the night, or else the "dogs" will be sure to spoil them with their merciless teeth. By the middle of August the dog fish may be considered masters of the "grounds" and a smart crew ought to have their their second trip's business done by that time, as was the case with the party aforesaid, who passed Scituate Light on their way home, August 16th.

These hints and reminiscences may be of service to such persons as would like to try a trip "to the banks" *which never fail*. We read much about the degraded condition to which poor sailors have been reduced by the selfishness of their employers. This need not be so. The real truth is, that intelligent men will always look out for their proper treatment, no matter what hardships business may call upon them to endure. See what our Yankee fishermen have done. Every consideration of health, wealth, policy, and patriotism, combine to attract us to the fishing banks and learn a little sailoring. What say our young men? One trip of cod fishing is worth a hogshead of cod-liver oil. Let the sedentary or weakly try it.

THE "POOR PLAYER."

The assertion that "the death of a great actor eclipses the gayety of a nation" was said of and by two of the most endeared names in dramatic history. Undoubtedly, all who can boast of any fair share of Hamlet in their composition would be sure to join in the gratitude which comes with the remembrance when we say "Alas, poor Yorick!" of any performer whose abilities may have delighted us in former days.

By the recent arrivals from Europe we grieve to learn that the well-known Tom Barry is now in poor health and reduced circumstances. "Poor Tom's a-cold," and on a bed of sickness. A benefit had been arranged by his friends, and the 25th of March appointed for it at Astley's Amphitheatre in London, where the accomplished lessee, Mr. William Cooke, has done the handsome thing by refusing to accept any remuneration whatever.

The name of Barry is so associated in our minds with talent of every kind that perhaps the general reader may require to be informed as to the particular Tom cat we are apt to speak of. We therefore begin negatively to "explicate," as Poor Tom used to say. It is not the Tom Barry who so ably manages the Boston Theatre. Heaven forbid! Nor the Barry Sullivan who stands confessedly one of the best elocutionists on the British stage. But poor Tom Barry, the mortal performer of immortal jokes and humanizing influences, whose sayings and doings as "Brother Bungs the Clown" have "many a time and oft" not only kept "the table in a roar" but "brought down the house" in uncontrolable fits of laughter. Harry Boleno, and some other pantomimic friends in London, have joined in this movement from the first, and we expect to see Brother Bungs once more get "started" with "a loud report" in his favor, enjoying the glories of his evergreen shamrocks amidst the sunshine of friendship and health.

To such a man of noble impulse and genuine humor, ill health is ruination. We know how well pride and gentleness are balanced in his noble heart, and can assure the public that there is not a particle of beggarly dependence in Tom Barry's organization. His voice, his strength, his deportment, his good spirits, are the tools he works with. Unless he has them, he must, (like many another brave man thus situated,) temporarily appear in a condition of helplessness. During a meeting lately held at Harry Boleno's, for the purpose of arranging the benefit to Poor Tom, the following lines were contributed to the advertisement adopted:—

The shatter'd vessel, rolling on the rock,
In peril dashed by every angry wave,
Looks to the beach at each succeeding shock,
Just as a dying man would cry "God save!"
Tom Barry's hulk no more can brave the sea
Unless the life-boat, sweet Philanthropy,
Puts off, well manned, to ply the willing oar,
And bring his breaking timbers safe to shore.
Oh, cast a thought on those departed hours,
When, full of health and all amusing powers,
Mounted on chair, descanting to the nation,
Tom gave his Comic Parliament Oration.
Remember all his waggery and fun,
How the play ended; how the farce begun;
How from the sawdust ring, in Batty's age,
Tom won the shamrock chaplet on the stage.
For none could touch him in his native parts;
He pourtrayed Irish whim, approved by Irish hearts.
Then let the isle surrounded by the billow,
Send forth her sons to soothe poor Barry's pillow:
A shipwreck'd sailor, driven on her coast,
Old Erin's hospitality he'd boast.
Should he be snatched from grim Death's hollow jaws,
He'll thank his friends who've so well worked his cause.
But if the Fates decree poor Tom must die,
He'll bless ye all, and with his latest sigh,
Breathe forth a prayer in gratitude to those
Whose friendship ended only with his life-time's close.

When we remember what Bailie Nicol Jarvie calls "the mutability of human affairs," these lines have an especial recommendation to the best feelings in our nature. We may remember also that although the quotation, "poor player," has commonly been used in reference to the theatrical profession, Shakespeare and Macbeth use it in relation to all mankind, and that such is its true import, as follows:—

"Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow; a poor player,
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage,
And then is heard no more: it is a tale
Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury,
Signifying nothing."

We have plenty of parsons around who never told so much truth in all their lives as may be found in these lines of Shakespeare's. But we cannot stop to notice such concerns now. What we wish to impress upon the public is that Tom Barry is an "object of interest" just now, more than ever; and, as many persons in this country have formerly witnessed Tom Barry's performances upon the stage or met with him in private life, no doubt they would like to make some token of their grateful remembrance.

Some of our city managers would probably like to make arrangements for a benefit which would prove to our English brethren that talent is cosmopolitan and good actions universal. We merely throw out the hint, well knowing the general disposition of the Press on such matters. We may say, however, that E. T. Smith, the lessee of Drury-Lane Theatre, has been appointed treasurer of the fund for the benefit of poor and sick but talented and noble Tom Barry.

CLEANLINESS—HEALTH—AMUSEMENT.

Still another evidence of the public feeling in regard to the Clipper's health doctrines, is evinced in the fact that a swimming school is about to be established in this city by an enterprising individual, named Siedenburg, a German. The *Tribune* states that Mr. S. proposes to open a school for the purpose of teaching ladies and gentlemen the art of swimming. For this purpose he will erect a building about 60 by 80 feet, in which will be a large tank about 30 or 40 feet square, and of a sufficient depth to admit of the performance of all the evolutions of the most accomplished swimmer. This tank will be filled with Croton water, which will be warmed to a comfortable temperature by means of steam pipes, so that the establishment will be made available in winter as well as in hot weather. Female teachers will be employed to instruct women, and certain days, or certain hours of each day, will be devoted exclusively to them. Mr. Siedenburg claims that in a short time, varying from two weeks to three months, according to the capacity and amount of practice of the learner, he can teach a pupil all that is actually necessary to be acquired, so that he will have perfect command of himself in deep water. Any number of fantastic antics could of course then be learned easily. No one will deny that swimming should be an accomplishment of every gentleman, for even if it is never called into requisition to rescue him from perils by sea, it is always a pleasant and healthful recreation.

If properly conducted, an institution of this kind cannot fail to prove remunerative to the projecter. Let us have the swimming school, by all means.

Gymnastics.—The annual exhibition of the Providence Gymnastic Club came off on Saturday evening, March the 28th, 1857, at their rooms in the rear of the What Cheer building, which was densely crowded by the invited friends of the Club. At eight o'clock the performers made their appearance, under the management of T. A. Goldsmith, when the exercises took place in the following order:

1*st. Vaulting.*—The principals in this feat were Messrs. Goldsmith and Foster.

2*d. Peg Holes.*—One of the most difficult feats connected with the exercises. This was beautifully accomplished by Messrs. Paine and Cushman.

3*d. Rings.*—The performers made their appearance in this exercise. After making some fearful swings to the top of the roof, Messrs. Goldsmith, Paine and others performed some surprising feats; Goldsmith topping off with swinging high in the air and turning fearfully, which created much applause.

4*th. Ropes.*—This exercise was well executed by Messrs. Cushman and Bowen.

5*th. Weights and Dumb Bells.*—These solid toys were placed in the middle of the floor ready for use. The strength of the performers made their appearance, and after handling the 45 and 62 pounder, Paine and Hunt raised the 75 pounder above their heads, which created great applause. Mr. Goldsmith, the young Hercules, made his appearance, and with great confidence seized the one hundred and eight-pound dumbbell in his left hand and up it went above his head, where he held it for some time. He then took a 62 in each hand, and held them out at arms' length; and after going through with many other surprising feats of strength, he topped off with raising a 62-pounder on his little finger above his head.

6*th. Perpendicular Poles*—Messrs. Goldsmith, Foster and Paine, who performed some surprising feats, when Goldsmith went up feet first and came down head first.

7*th. Single Trapeze* was well performed by Messrs. Goldsmith, Foster, Paine and Cushman.

8*th. High Bars.*—This exercise was well executed by Messrs. Cushman, Foster, Paine and Bowen.

9*th. Ladders.*—The principals in this exercise were Messrs. Goldsmith, Foster and Paine, Foster jumping up skipping two rungs each time, crossing over and coming down on the other side; Goldsmith skipping up to the top and hanging by his feet for some time, coming from there on to the under side of the horizontal ladder, marching on all fours, facing the floor for some distance.

10*th. Single Bar.*—Some surprising feats of strength and agility were performed by Goldsmith, Paine and Cranston.

11*th. Parallel Bars.*—Some extraordinary feats, such as grasshopper jumping, &c., which created much applause, Mr. Goldsmith taking the lead in this exercise, he making some extraordinary leaps, and turning and tumbling about on the bars, which created great applause.

At the close of the exhibition, Mr. Goldsmith and one of his pupils, Mr. Hunt, gave a fine display of the art of self-defense. This concluded the evening's entertainment, and the company retired, apparently well pleased with what they had witnessed.

Premiums for Stallions—Ploughing Match.—An agricultural exhibition is to commence at Woodstock, Canada West, on the 17th inst., when a number of premiums are to be given for stallions, thoroughbred, as well as those for carriage and agricultural purposes.

A ploughing match is to take place in a convenient field, in which lots will be laid out of about a quarter of an acre each, which will be numbered; the Secretary will have corresponding numbers in a bag, from which each competitor will draw one, and will thereby know the lot of land which falls to his share. The competitors, except the boys under eighteen, must be subscribers, or persons in the regular service of subscribers, and must be ready to commence their work precisely at nine o'clock A. M. The judges will make known the rules for ploughing on the day,

1*st Class Ploughmen.*—To be composed of those that have won the first prize heretofore, and all others who may wish to enter—1st prize, £1 10s.; 2d prize, £1; 3d prize, 10s. Entrance fee, five shillings.

2*d Class Ploughmen.*—To be composed of those that have not won the first prize heretofore—1st prize £1; 2d prize, 15s.; 3d prize, 10s. Entrance fee, five shillings.

3*d Class Ploughmen.*—To be composed of boys under 18 years of age—1st prize, £1; 2d prize, 15s.; 3d prize, 10s.; 4th prize, 5s.; 5th prize, 2s. 6d.—no entrance fee. No second or third prize will be given unless there are more than two competitors in each class. Opon to all who wish to compete.

Race Horses and their Winnings.—A London writer, in giving a description of the salesrooms of Messrs. Tattersall, in that city, says:

"The value of the property which passes under the hammers of the Messrs. Tattersall seems immense, when we consider the number of lots put up for sale during the year, and the great price paid for some of them. Mameluke sold for four thousand guineas; Bay Middleton realized three thousand five hundred; Plenipo five thousand; whilst six thousand five hundred guineas were paid for Hobbie Nobbie." "One may cease to wonder at [illegible] prices," says the Birmingham *Journal*, "when [illegible] that the Flying Dutchman won his owner nearly [illegible] in stakes alone, and the winnings of himself [illegible] brother, Von Tromp, who belonged to the Su[illegible] amounted to £34,000. Cotherstone w[illegible] old £12,765; West Australian £[illegible] £10,375."

NEW YORK FIRE MATTERS.

EDITOR CLIPPER—Having recently noticed the interest you have taken in the movements of the Fire Department, I would call attention through your widely circulated journal to the inconvenience which the department in the lower districts labors under, and which should be attended to. We have, in the lower part of the city, twelve engine companies, as follows: two first-class and ten second-class engines, and when on duty they require *at least* two hydrant streams *each;* the first-class requiring *three.* Now, it will be seen that it will require *twenty-six* hydrant lines to give a *good* supply of water to the engines to be of any service whatever. We have only nineteen hose companies doing duty, and, as it will be seen, we have not enough hose companies to supply the engines properly, *even* if every one of them should have a hydrant, and reach to an engine, which cannot be done on account of the hydrants being nearly, if not quite, 300 feet apart, and the hose carriage not being able to carry over 500 feet. In the first place we are *seven* hose companies short; in the second place every hose company *cannot* take a hydrant and reach the fire, because some companies have to take a hydrant from 1500 to 2000 feet away from the fire; those nearest being taken by companies arriving first at the fire. This has not been for a month or a day, but it has been for years, and I hope that the present Chief will remedy it. What is the good of an engine without a good supply of water? The cry among the engine men is, "Give us plenty of water and we will put out the fire before it spreads further;" and they have good cause to speak thus. I have often seen some of our best engines, well manned, throwing water comparatively no higher nor stronger than a hydrant stream; and the first thing you would hear would be, when spoken to by a rival company, "Oh, our engine is out of order!" The consequence would be, that, next day, the engine would be sent to the builder to be overhauled to see what was the matter, and the engine would be taken to pieces to ascertain the cause, and *nothing* would be found wanting. Where was the fault? Water was wanting and nothing else! One half of the engines are put out of order by this long-continuous want.

I was very much gratified to see some of the hose companies of the upper districts coming to our assistance, but imagine my surprise to see engines coming too; it was making matters worse. This was no remedy. The only way to do it is to send the hose companies down town, and keep the engines in the districts where they lay, and I will vouch for the engine men of the Seventh and Eighth Districts. It will be seen that in the Seventh District there are three engines and four hose companies laying in the Sixth District, and those companies laying in the Fourth District, now doing duty, which makes fifteen engines and twenty-four hose companies in the Seventh; and by giving each engine *two* hydrant streams, which cannot be done, there will be *five* engines without water, and by giving them all water there will be *nine* engines with a full supply and *six* with a half supply; thus wasting time and labor. Now, in the Eighth District, we have fifteen engines, two coming from the upper districts, eighteen hose companies in the lower, and three from the upper districts, making twenty-one, and leaving us in the same predicament. If our worthy Chief wants the engines let him order enough hose companies to give a good supply of water, and thus not cripple but give the "down-towners" a chance to show what their machines are made for. Yours, INDEX.

A FIREMAN'S LOVE.

EDITOR CLIPPER—There is no purer feeling kindled upon the altar of human affections, than a Fireman's pure, uncontaminated love for his brother fireman. It is unlike all other affections; so disconnected with selfish sensuality; so great in its developments; so dignified, and yet, withal, so fond, so devoted, nothing can alter it, *nothing can surpass it.* The world may revolve, and its evolutions effect changes in the fortunes, in the character, and in the disposition of a fireman, yet, if he wants, whose hand will so speedily stretch out as that of a brother fireman? and, if his character is maligned, whose voice will so readily swell in his advocacy? Next to a father's unquenchable love, a fireman's is pre-eminent; it rests so exclusively on the ties of consanguinity for its sustenance; it is so divested of passion, and springs from such a deep recess in the human bosom, that when a fireman once fondly and deeply regards his company, that affection is blended with his existence; in all the annals of crimes it is considered something anomalous to find the hand of a fireman raised against his brother fireman, or his heart nurturing the seeds of hatred; in all affection of firemen there is a devotedness which cannot but be properly appreciated, in those regards where the passions are not at all necessary in increasing the strength of the affections, more sincere truth and pure feeling may be expected than in such as are dependant upon each other for their duration as well as their felicities. A fireman's love, in this respect, is peculiarly remarkable. There is no selfish gratification in its out-pourings; it lives from the natural impulse; and personal charms are not in the slightest degree necessary to its birth or duration. I can fancy generations yet unborn rising to prove a fireman's love and greatness. GEORGE FENNER.

Philadelphia, April 4, 1857.

FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAN FRANCISCO.

THE following is a summary of the different apparatus in use by the fire department of San Francisco, California:

FIRE ENGINES.

Empire No. 1.—First-class engine; Worth, builder, San Francisco; D. Scannell, foreman; fifty-six members; engine, city property; four-wheeled hose carriage, company property; nine hundred feet of hose.

Manhattan No. 2.—First-class engine; Torboss, builder, New York; Ira Cole, foreman; sixty-three members; engine, city property; four-wheeled hose carriage, company property; eight hundred feet of hose.

Howard No. 3.—Third-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Hunneman, builder, Boston; city property; W. T. Chase, foreman; sixty-five members; six hundred feet of hose.

California No. 4.—Third-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Hunneman, builder, Boston; company property; W. S. O'Brien, foreman; fifty-nine members; six hundred feet of hose.

Knickerbocker No. 5.—Second-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Smith, builder, New York; city property; E. Vreeland, foreman; sixty members; four hundred and fifty feet of hose.

Monumental No. 6.—First-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Rogers, builder, Baltimore; company property; George H. Hossefross, foreman; sixty-five members; six hundred feet of hose.

Volunteer No. 7.—Third-class engine; Thayer, builder, Boston; two-wheeled hose carriage; engine belonging to Capt. Macondray; hose carriage the property of the company; John C. Lane, foreman; fifty-nine members; five hundred feet of hose.

Pacific No. 8.—Third-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Smith, builder, New York; city property; M. S. Neefus, foreman; forty-eight members; three hundred and fifty feet of hose.

Vigilant No. 9.—First-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Jeffers, builder, Pawtucket, R. I.; city property; W. H. Bovee, foreman; fifty-five members; nine hundred feet of hose.

Crescent No. 10.—Third-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Smith, builder, New York; city property; James Herbert, foreman; sixty members; four hundred feet of hose.

Columbian No. 11.—Second-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; Van Ness & Torboss, builders, New York; city property; William H. Brennan, foreman; fifty-three members; eight hundred feet of hose.

Pennsylvania No. 12.—Second-class engine and four-wheeled hose carriage; Agnew, builder, Philadelphia; company property; John [illegible], foreman; forty-eight members; eight hundred feet of hose.

[illegible] America No. 13.—Third-class engine and two-wheeled hose [illegible]; Smith, builder, New York; city property; M. Hayes, foreman; [illegible] members; six hundred and fifty feet of hose.

[illegible] No. 14.—Second-class engine and two-wheeled hose carriage; [illegible], Worcester, Mass.; engine, private property; hose carriage, city property; Caleb Clapp, foreman; sixty-five members; three hundred feet of hose.

HOOK AND LADDER TRUCKS.

St. Francis No. 1.—Hook and Ladder truck; J. L. Berry & Co., builders, San Francisco; city property; L. Robie, foreman; forty-five members.

Lafayette No. 2.—Hook and Ladder truck; J. L. Berry & Co., builders, San Francisco; city property; Henry A. Cobb, foreman; fifty-four members.

Sansome No. 3.—Hook and Ladder truck; J. L. Wells, builder, San Francisco; city property; Wm. Adrian, foreman; fifty-four members.

RELIEF ENGINES AND HOSE CARRIAGES.

One engine, used by Manhattan Co. No. 2, in good condition. One engine, known as "old 9," housed by Howard Co. No. 3, in fair condition. Three others, lying in the old corporation yard, useless and not worth repairing. One loaned to Marysville; in fair order when loaned. One small engine at the City Hall, in good order; used for purposes of the building. One hose carriage, now in use by Tiger Co. No. 14, and one at J. L. Berry's machine shop—both in good order.

COCKING.

"Old Sergeant Cock" on "White Hackle."

MR. EDITOR:—I see by your valuable journal of March 28, that "White Hackle" is out again "urging hot war" upon your correspondents, on the subject of the Game Fowl; and he goes at it, too, with the savageness of a hyena, venting his rancorous spleen upon all "old fogies," irrespective of the personal claims of any. He has certainly been taking a large dose of Brandreth's pills, else he could never have purged himself of this *refuse matter.*

I thought he would have been contented after preaching the funeral oration and writing the epitaph for myself and fowls in 1856; but no, even this does not satisfy his voraciousness! He must kick a poor fellow after he is dead—so pronounced by his own judgment and writings. Yet, allow me to suggest—with this communication as my backer—that he may have given one kick "*too many.*" There is a possibility of a person being in a trance, and coming to life again! Such is my case. I am not dead, as he had supposed, but alive and kicking, and willing to do battle with him to the end.

In his last communication he very modestly advises the Screw Dock party "to kick out those intruders, and if you have anything to say, say it yourselves; keep clear of such *pretended* friends as "Game Cock," "Screw Dock," "Old Sport," "Old Sergeant Cock," and all other old fogies;—their communications show them to be dunghills. In vain have they essayed to depreciate the best stock in the country; their motives were malicious—so, at least, I have concluded." Will my friend "White Hackle," *alias* "Fred-ee," tell me when and where have I ever said one word against any man's breed of fowls, in any of my former communications? I defy him to point me to a single instance where such means were employed by me. He further says:—"The honest portion of the Screw Dock party, I know, were disappointed at the disastrous result of the main of cocks fought some three weeks ago, when their breeding cocks ran away pell-mell; they hardly stood half a fight. I sympathise with them, and know full well that if the course adopted by one of them be followed out, they may propagate fowls that may regain their lost laurels. It is the Billy Beard stock he has resorted to, knowing this breed to be the best." Dear, me! what shrewdness "White Hackle," *alias* "Fred-ee," exhibited in the above little quotation—leaving out the White Hackle in connection with the Billy Beard—ONE *and the* SAME *breed!* Why, Fred-ee, have you become tired of the name of White Hackle—the name whose magic sound and puffed-up worth has caused many a gold-drop to jingle in your pocket? Had you not better scare up another clutch of the starch house fowls, of a little different kind, and again send to Nova Scotia for Bruiser No. 1, to cross—not a Billy Beard, but a Blue Beard, a Black Beard or a Red Beard; but, for heaven's sake, do not *again* give us a *Running* Beard or *White Hackle!*

I have become more acquainted with your history of late, and, if correctly informed, you are not the man whom you would have the people believe you are. In a communication, published in the New York CLIPPER in 1856, you said you had fifty hens, and that you were offered $200 for ten of them, but that you neither sold, bartered, nor would lend them. Most truly disinterested individual! you merely wished to advise farmers and sporting men where they could "get fowls that could be relied on." What became of that White Hackle stag you traded with a gentleman not one hundred miles from Lancaster? Little things will leak out. It is already well known—hence unnecessary for me to tell you. If the Billy Beard, *alias* White Hackle, are the best breed in the country, why do they get whipped so often? "Old Sport," and numerous others, testify that they show the white feather often. Now, our sporting gentlemen of old Lancaster are of the right stripe; they never squeal if they lose their money; and a great majority of them would not touch a White Hackle with a ten foot pole. They know that it is something remarkably singular that a White Hackle will stand to the death in the hands of their present owners, but that when others get possession of them, they will run away. Truly, "there *is* something rotten in Denmark." Perhaps "Fred-ee" can explain.

In answer to "Inquirer," you gave him to understand that the geographical position of the consolidated city did not extend quite to Westchester. I would be very sorry if it did; for the fine game fowls I left there might be contaminated by the White Hackle. You say further, "I therefore can have no allusions to a Dr. J. W. C., box 138 P. O. of that remarkable village." No, but you can have reference to a Dr. Wm. M. Cooper, of the aforesaid "village," who has as fine a lot of game fowls as was ever produced in America. I hail from old Lancaster, where there are as pretty a set of girls, and a goodly number of sportsmen, as any town in the Union. We have all kinds of sport in "these diggings,"—a magnificent shooting gallery, kept by Messrs. Warne & Hudson. The former is a true marksman; and the latter gives lessons in the art of manual defence or system of Boxing. They are true gentlemen, and men who fully understand their profession. This gallery is doing a thriving business. It is frequently visited by the fair sex, and some of them are excellent marks——*ladies*, both with rifle and pistol. OLD SERGEANT COCK.

Lancaster, Pa., 1857.

COCKING IN CONNECTICUT.—Bridgeport, Conn., March 28.—I am glad to inform you that our good old city of Bridgeport appears determined not to be behind the times next winter as regards cock fighting. Quite a number of gentlemen have gone in with a determination for raising game fowl, and to all appearances will not long be behind Pennsylvania, Long Island, or anywhere alse, as regards good and fine fowl. I took time a few days ago to walk round and see what was going on, and was surprised to find bloods in the field with game cocks, and all seemed determined to out-do each other in good and handsome fowl. I called in at Mr. George Bright's, having heard considerable about his fowls, and he certainly has some very fine birds. Two breeds in particular, that struck my fancy, he informed me had been crossed with the best stock of fowl, until they had become true feathered; they are certainly very noble and handsome, and are regarded as true marked; as the old saying is, they are true to a feather, both breeds. One is Silver Duckwing and the other Mealy Gray, and no doubt but they will show themselves next winter. I understand they are open for a match in the fall, weight about 4½ to 5 lbs. There are several other very fine specimens here in Bridgeport. AN OLD COCKER.

SPORTING MATTERS ABROAD.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE NEW YORK CLIPPER.

LONDON, March 20, 1857.

FRIEND QUEEN—As stated in mine of March 6th from this city, I was a little doubtful (after leaving Nottingham) that I could attend the meetings at Doncaster and Salisbury during the ensuing week, and when mine of the 13th left I had not any authentic items from the friends who attended those places for me. In fact, it was impossible, without telegraphic aid, and I had my usual complement of paper filled up with cogitations about Mr. Ten Broeck's chances, which I hope you have received.

At Doncaster, on the 10th, the Trial Stakes went to Odd Trick, with Bourgeois second. The Hopeful Stakes went to Polly Peachum, with Peregrine second. The Doncaster Handicap was won by Mary, with Pantomime second. The Municipal Stakes went to Polish, with Bullock second. The Chesterfield Plate fell to Mysterious Jack, with Lord Nelson second.

On the 11th, the Betting-Room Stakes went to St. Giles, with Admiral Lyons second. The Juvenile Selling Stakes went to Queen of the Isles, with Mrs. Taft's c. second. The Grand National Steeple Chase was won by Jean du Quesne, (French,) with Hindoo second. The Scurry Stakes went to Admiral Lyons, with Plausible second.

At Salisbury, on the 12th, the Craven Plate was lifted by Sealark, with The Dupe second. The Wiltshire Stakes went to Apathy, with Tame Deer second. The Fourth Biennial Stakes went to Happy Land, with The Merry Sunshine second. The Third Biennial Stakes went to Vaulter, with Martinet second. The City Bowl fell to Lady Conyngham, with the Hero f. second.

On the 13th, the South-Western Railway Plate went to Mr. W. Day's f. by Weatherbit out of Mongosteen, with Mr. Howard's Martinet second. The Longford Castle Stakes went to a w. o. by Mr. J. Hewitt's The Merry Sunshine. The Handicap Plate went to Mr. G. Drewe's The Dupe, with Mr. Adkins's Eardrop second. The Queen's Plate was won by Mr. T. Parr's Fisherman, with Lord Ribblesdale's Iareca second. The Wilton Park Stakes went to Lord Ribblesdale's The Happy Land, with Mr. E. Hall's Lady Elizabeth second. The week was cold, and Salisbury colder than Doncaster.

This week we have had a very lively time for three days at Warwick, warming up the very heart of Old England. The fun began on Tuesday with the City Handicap which fell to Lord Nelson, with Early Bird second. The Trial Stakes went to Fisherman, with Gemma di Vergy second. The Sweepstakes of 5 sovs. fell to Cocktail's c., with Auricula second. The Willoughby Handicap, was won by Mysterious Jack, with Poodle second. The Farmers' Plate was lifted by Warwick, with Jenny Jones second. So, you see, there is a Jenny Jones here.

On Wednesday, the Welter Handicap was headed by Prince of Orange, with Tipton second. The Two-Year-Old Stakes went to Greenwich Fair with Patience second. The great Warwickshire Handicap was headed by Tame Deer, with Gaudy second. The Debdale Stakes fell to Royalty, with Brigadier second. The Sweepstakes of 5 sovs. went to Castaway, with Laura Selina second. The Handicap Plate was won by Lord Nelson, with Octavia second.

On Thursday, the £40 Handicap Plate went to Plausible, with Garnet second. The Annual Steeple Chase was won by Weathercock with Minerva second. The Hurdle Race was won by Jean du Quesne, (the Frenchman again!) The other items of yesterday I have not yet obtained, but they are of but little importance except the 100-guinea Steeple Chase. 11st. 7lb. is the minimum weight, and only horses which have been out hunting can be entered. In business of this kind the English are sure to win great laurels; as the old song says—

> "All hail to the land where the foxes are flyers,
> Where the fences are larger than anywhere else;
> Where none value their necks, and if the horse tires,
> Decline for the animal, not for themselves."

The young Prince of Wales is taking lessons in the art of running a horse "across country," and Squire Charles Davis is his tutor. His Highness promises to be a highflyer.

The hunting season hangs on well, and the steeple chases are yet numerous. At Birmingham, next Tuesday will be a slasher. At Gainsborough and at Llandillo, on Wednesday. At Moreton-in-the-Marsh, on Thursday. And at Charlbury, on Saturday. Some of the "scarlet coats" are now canvassing for a parliamentary "seat."

In Ireland, the steeple chases are better as well as more numerous. On Monday, there will be a dash at Ballymore. Monday and Tuesday, at Cashel. The Irish Metropolitan meet is on Wednesday, and there is sure to be a large field at Kilmalloch on Thursday. There are ten prizes (£600) in the Kildare Meeting for Easter Monday.

I mention these to show how loth the scarlet coats are to give up their sport. In coursing items a similar tenacity may be noticed. Some of the Scotch and Irish meetings are set down for as late as the second week in May, when we usually have warm weather here.

Among the best hunting runs of the season was one by the Duke of Beaufort's foxhounds near Devizes, and another by Baron Rothschild's near Newport Pagnell. The stag hunting is now more general as fox hunting comes to a close.

The angling fraternity are preparing to quit the salmon pools for the trout streams. Pretty soon they will find customers worthy of all their art.

At Cambridge and at Oxford the University men are trying their scratch-four races and forming divisions for practice among the various clubs. The University Boat Race is set for the 3d of April, or the next day after the Metropolitan, being guided by the weather.

A very amusing controversy is now going on as to whether the term "a rook" or "a crow" means the same bird. One good thing results from the arguments, as they tend to show that the crow is a good friend and no enemy to the farmer.

Some of the "Tip fraternity" advertise to "execute commissions" in the names of the most respectable members of Tattersalls, and there seems to be no remedy for this except putting the flats a little on their guard.

Prospects are brightening in France. The Paris Spring Races are to come off in the splendid new course at Longchamps, between the Bois de Boulogne and the Seine, and set for April 26, and May 3, 7, and 10. The Spring races at Chantilly are set for May 17, 21, and 24.

The Ten Broeck excitement keeps increasing, but I give no arguments this time, not knowing but what you would prefer these items.

LEATHERSTOCKING.

LATEST FOREIGN SPORTING NEWS.

From Bell's Life in London, March 15, 1857.

THE RING.

TODDY RAY AND LUCKY MOORE.—A party of Chathamites who were thrown out of their endeavors to to see the mill on Tuesday, between Tyler and Hazeltine, got up an extempore affair for £5, between Toddy Ray and Lucky Moore, of Norwich. It took place on the banks of the Medway, and was a merry little affair, lasting 50 minutes, during which 36 rounds were fought. Moore proved himself a game bit of stuff, but he could not stand against the superior tactics of his opponent. In the last round he was thrown into a dyke, from which he was extricated with some difficulty, and had a narrow escape from drowning. He wished to continue the encounter, but his friends would not permit it, and Ray was proclaimed victor.

SULLIVAN AND JEMMY NORTON.—A novel match has been made, between Young Sullivan and Jemmy Norton. The latter stakes £10 to £5, and backs himself to win the battle in half an hour, or to be declared vanquished.

MADDEN AND BRETTLE.—We have received the following from Mike Madden:

"MR. EDITOR: Your valuable paper of the week before last, contains a challenge from Bob Brettle, of Birmingham, to find a novice to fight me at 10s. 5lb. Now, sir, after all the bombastic puffing which has appeared in your columns from that worthy for the last eight months, without any result, I think I shall be justified in taking no further notice of his remarks, unless they are supported by a 'fiver' and articles. Brettle well knows that I will fight any man in the world at 10st. 4lb., for £100 a side; and I think it would be much more becoming of him were he to cease this useless nonsense and proceed to business. Once for all, if the Birmingham hero is not afraid of damaging his beautiful phiz with an encounter with a man who will give him a day's work, both he and his novice can be accommodated with 10st. 3lb. or 5lb., for £100 a side each—master first, and his man two or three months after; *Bell's Life* to be stakeholder, and appoint a referee on the ground. Upon these and no other terms will I consent to appear within the P. R. Brettle can send articles for the double event, with the name of his novice at once, and if a deposit is placed in your hands, it will be immediately covered by, "Yours, &c., MIKE MADDEN."

CHARLES LYNCH was surprised that Gilbert would not take £3 and go on with their match. Lynch will fight him for £10 a side, catch weight, or will confine himself to 8st., and allow Gilbert to weigh 9st., for £25 a side. Man and money ready at Mr. Master's, Anchor and Hope, Charles Street, Back Road, St. George's East, on Monday evening next.

PEDESTRIANISM.

PEDESTRIANISM EXTRAORDINARY.—OXFORD.—On Wednesday last Messrs. Mesham and Awdry, both members of Exeter College, Oxford, the former being known as one of the best runners in the University, undertook the extraordinary feat of running round Christ Church meadow twenty times without once stopping. The distance to be performed would in the aggregate amount to nearly twenty-six miles, the meadow measuring a mile and a quarter, with some few yards round. Mr. Mesham, who it is expected, made a private bet that he could accomplish the distance in two hours, on reaching the sixteenth round, fell from exhaustion, and was obliged to be carried home, having occupied an hour and a half in completing that portion. Mr. Awdry, more prudent than his friend, took it very leisurely (no time being specified in which it was to be done,) and succeeded in finishing the distance without feeling any the worse for the undertaking, with the exception of rather sore feet, consequent upon hardness of the path.

LEVETT AND PUDNEY.—It is greatly to be regretted that this match for the 10 mile championship between these celebrated runners has been declared off by the forfeiture of Levett, who was incapacitated from running at the time specified through his late accident. We stated last week that an offer on his part of £10 to have the race postponed had been refused; that offer he this week doubled, but Pudney still felt justified in a refusal. No choice therefore remained but the forfeit; though we are glad to say that Levett is so far recovered as to be able to go into training again in a few days, and a fresh match has been made between the two aspirants for the championship to run the same distance, for £20 a side, on April 10, at Garratt-lane, Wandsworth.

NEW PEDESTRIAN MATCH.—Since writing the above, we have received the following:—James Hancock (of Salford,) the Champion Sprint Runner, is matched with Joseph Horrocks (of Bury,) to run 440 yards over the Salford Borough Course, on the 6th day of April next, for £25 a side. Mr. James Holden has received £5 from each.

WRESTLING MATCH.—Last week a trial of strength took place between two well-known members of the Betting Ring, Messrs. Jackson and Barber, the former laying the latter a bet of £200 to £100 that he did not throw him. After a long struggle fortune prevailed in favor of the owner of Polly Peachum, who threw his opponent in very clever style.

POLAR SKETCHES.

From Dr. Kane's Narrative.

GREAT PERIL AND NARROW ESCAPE.

DURING the famine at Etah, last winter, when we ourselves were as much distressed for fresh food, two of my friends, Awahtok and Myouk, determined to seek the walrus on the open ice. It was a performance of the greatest danger; but it was better, in their eyes, than the sacrifice of their dogs, and they both possessed, to the fullest extent, that apathetic fatalism which belongs to the lowly-cultivated races. They succeeded in killing a large male, and were in the act of returning joyfully to their village, when a north wind broke up the ice, and they found themselves afloat. The impulse of an European would have been to seek the land; but they knew that the drift was always most dangerous on the coast, and urged their dogs towards the nearest iceberg. They reached it, after a struggle, and, by the greatest efforts, made good their landing, with their dogs and the half-butchered carcase of the walrus. Poor Myouk, as he told the story to Petersen, made a frightful picture of their sufferings, the more so from the quiet, stoical manner with which he detailed facts. It was at the close, he said, of the moonlight of December, and in the midst of the heavy storm which held Petersen and myself prisoners at Anoatok. A complete darkness settled around them. They tied the dogs down to knobs of ice to prevent their losing their foothold, and prostrated themselves to escape being blown off by the violence of the wind. At first the sea broke over them, but they gained a higher level, and built a sort of screen of ice. *On the fifth night afterwards,* judging as well as they could, Myouk froze one of his feet, and Awahtok lost his great toe by frost-bite. But they kept heart of grace, and ate their walrus-meat as they floated slowly to the south. The berg came twice into collision with floes, and they thought at one time they had passed the Utlaksoak, the Great Caldron, and had entered the North Water of Baffin's Bay. It was towards the close of the second moonlight, after a month's imprisonment, living as only these iron men could live, that they found the berg had grounded. They liberated their dogs as soon as the young ice would bear their weight, and, attaching long lines to them, which they cut from the hide of the dead walrus, they succeeded in hauling themselves through the water-space which always surrounds an iceberg, and reaching safe ice. They returned to their village like men raised from the dead, to meet a welcome, but to meet famine along with it.

THE ARCTIC HARE.

Here is some interesting information about the Arctic hare.

They were very beautiful, as white as swan's down, with a crescent of black marking the ear-tips. They feed on the bark and catkins of the willow, and affect the stony sides of the worn-down rocks, where they find protection from the wind and snow-drifts. They do not burrow like our hares at home, but squat in crevices or under large stones. Their average weight is about nine pounds. They would have entered largely into our diet list but for our Esquimaux dogs, who regarded them with relishing appetite. Parry found the hare at Melville Island in latitude 75 deg.; but we have traced it from Littleton Island, as far north as 79 deg. 8 min., and its range probably extends still farther north towards the Pole. Its structure and habits enable it to penetrate the snow-crusts, and obtain food where the reindeer and the musk-ox perish in consequence of the glazed covering of their feeding-grounds.

THE REINDEER.

During the long and terrible winter which followed, a reindeer occasionally fell to the gun of the skilful Hans, and was regarded as a God-send.

The Esquimaux call the deer when he is without antlers a bennes-oak. The greater number of these animals retain their antlers till the early spring, beginning to drop them about the return of sunshine; but some of the strongest lose them before the winter sets in. They are gregarious in their habits and fond of particular localities. Where they have been gathered together year after year, the accummulation of discarded antlers is immense. They tell me at Holsteinberg, where more than four thousand reindeer-skins find a market annually, that on the favorite hunting-grounds these horns are found in vast piles. They bring little or nothing at Copenhagen, but I suppose would find a ready sale among the button-workers of England.

Further particulars respecting the reindeer are subsequently given:

This deer was among the largest of all the northern specimens I have seen. He measured five feet one inch in girth, and six feet two inches in length, and stood as large as a two-year-old heifer. We estimated his weight at 300 pounds gross, or one hundred and eighty net. The head had a more than usually cumbrous character, and a long waving tuft of white hair that depended from the throat gave an appearance of excessive weight to the front view. The reindeer is in no respect a graceful animal. There is an apparent want of proportion between his cumbrous shoulders and light haunches which makes up gainly even in his rapid movements. Haimself as an for all his defects of form when he presents article of diet.

[illegible]ing account of a RICH FISHING GROUNDS.—The good one: A friend, fisherman, from the *Knickerbocker* him as he was skillate one Saturday afternoon, [illegible]s art" for trout, with: fully "essaying the wild fishes!"

"Halloo, there! Got a-[illegible]ot. I only came here last "Got anything [illegible]—of c[illegible] as the patient angler once Wednesday!" was the more cast his patent

THE GAME OF CHESS.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

A. W. Full, Buffalo, N. Y.—White himself will inevitably be mated n a few moves, in your last ; and if not, your solution is inapplicable to the position.

E. J. W., Esq., Boston.—Every item of your last letter is welcome and valuable. Ascertain, if you can, where *that* enigma was filched, and trust us for visiting the fact of our being informed of the theft upon the offender. Our space is quite too crowded with original and valuable contributions, to be imposed upon by such piracies.

Wankinco, Wareham, Mass.—Right, in both cases.

S. Loyd, N. Y.—*You* are not often caught napping with double solutions ; both our contributors last answered solve "Trick o' the Trade" thus :

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1..Q × Kt +	K to B 7	4..R-K 2 dis ch	K to Kt 8
2..Q R-R 2 +	R interposes	5..Kt × P mate	
3..R × R +	K-B 8 best	That is so, isn't it?	

X. Y. Z., Senior.—In game No. 52, Blacks were beaten past all hope, and when such a conclusion is reached, consultation games ought at once to be resigned. It was. We do not know the position of the late game Alonzo *vs.* E. Hatch. Your challenge next week.

En Prise, Newark, N. J.—Is particeps criminis.

Alonzo, Salem, Mass.—Solutions right. Many thanks for your cordial, warm-hearted commendations of our efforts to please and instruct our students, and forward "our noble game." Such appreciation encourages us indeed. All your encomiums of "*Palmam qui meruit ferat*" are fully merited, and as many more with them.

De Prefontaine, Philadelphia.—A good arrangement ; carry it out to the end.

Midnight, Syracuse, N. Y.—Both S. Loyd and Wankinco demonstrate another solution to Problem No. 50. The P may be Queened.

A THEORETICAL OPENING.

Odds of Pawn and Two Moves.

The following ingenious mode of playing the "Pawn and Two-move" Opening has just been contributed to *The Era* by Capt. Kennedy. It will prove peculiarly valuable, and, we trust, acceptable to those of our students who have attained the rank of receiving but this odds from their strongest friends.

(Remove the K B P from the array of the Defence.)

Attack.	Defence.	Attack.	Defence.
1..P to K 4		7..Q to K B 7 *a*	K Kt to K 2
2..P-Q 4	P to K 3	8..Q Kt-B 3	P × Q P *b*
3..K B-Q 3	P-Q B 4	9..*Q Kt-K 4*	Q × Q Kt P
4..P-K 5	Q-her R 4 +	10..K Kt-B 3	Q × Q R +
5..Q B-Q 2	Q-her Kt 3	11..K-his 2	Q × K R
6..Q-K R 5 +	K-Q sq	12..Kt × Q P, and the Defence appears to have three different modes of procedure; see below.	

a Q Kt to B 3d is sometimes played here.

b The moves of the Defence, up to this point, are those which were frequently adopted by De la Bourdonnais. Formerly, at the Attack's 9th move, Kt to Q Kt 5th was played, but Capt. Kennedy suggests that the move in the text leads to a better result.

FIRST DEFENCE.

12..	P to Q 4	15..Q to K 8 +	K to B 2
13..Kt-Q 6	Q B-Q 2	16..Kt-Kt 5 +	K-Kt 3
14..Kt × K P +	B × Kt	17..Q-her 8 +, mate next move.	

SECOND DEFENCE.

12..	Q Kt to B 3	15..Kt to Q 6 +	K to Q sq
13..Kt-Q Kt 5	Q × Kt P	16..Kt-K B 7 +	K-home
14..Q-K 8 +	K × Q	17..Kt-Q 6 mate.	

THIRD DEFENCE.

12..	Q × Kt P	16..K to Q sq	Q to K Kt 8 +
13..Kt-Q Kt 5	Q-K Kt 5 +	17..B-K sq	Q-K Kt 3
14..P-K B 3	Q-K Kt 3	18..B-K R 4th, and the game is won.	
15..Kt-Q 6	Q-Kt 7 +		

[Can it be possible that these odds give, theoretically, such an overwhelming attack as cannot be borne up against longer than this? We do not believe it. De la Bourdonnais is a great name, but there must be some stronger method of opening for the Defence. Certain it is our strongest players here would not check at the 4th move. Will not some of our strong analysts give us their ideas on this subject?—Ed.]

McDonnell's method of giving these odds was as follows:

Attack, G. Walker.	Defence, McDonnell.	Attack, G. Walker.	Defence, McDonnell.
1..P to K 4		6..P to K B 3	Q B × K Kt
2..P-Q 4	Q Kt to B 3	7..K R × B	P-K 3
3..P-K 5	P-Q 4	8..Q B-K B 4	P-K R 4
4..P-Q B 3	Q B-K B 4	9..K B-Q 3	P × P
5..P-K Kt 4	Q B-K 5	Drawn game in 109 moves.	

The following is eminently Philidor's favorite style:

Mr. Atwood.	Philidor.	Mr. Atwood.	Philidor.
1..P to K 4		6..K Kt to B 3	Q to her Kt 3
2..P-Q 4	P to K 3	7..K B-Q 3	K Kt-R 3
3..P-K B 4 *a*	P-Q 4	8..Q-her Kt 3	P-Q B 5
4..P-K 5	P-Q B 4	9..Q × Q	P × Q
5..P-Q B 3	Q Kt-B 3	Ultimately won by Philidor.	

a Philidor's contemporaries were all fond of making this move, but it will not do. Cochrane has shown in his treatise that it at once gives up one of the moves and places the Attack precisely in the position of receiving only the odds of Pawn and move.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 53.

By a misunderstanding which wouldn't interest our readers, this problem was put up wrong. *Place a White Pawn where the White K stands, and put him on Q R 5th.*

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 54.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1..P × B +	P × P	5..Kt to Q B 6 +	P × Kt
2..K R-his 4 +	B-K 5	6..R × R +	Kt-Q 4 +
3..K R × B	P × R	7..R × Kt +	P × R
4..B-K 5 +	P × B	8..Kt-Q B 6 mate, and the ruins of Black's own castle form his "Sarcophagus."	

SOLUTION OF ENIGMA NO. 53.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1..Kt to K 3 +	K to B 5 *best*	3..R to Q B 4 +	K to Q 6
2..K-R 6	K-his 5	4..R-Q 4 mate.	

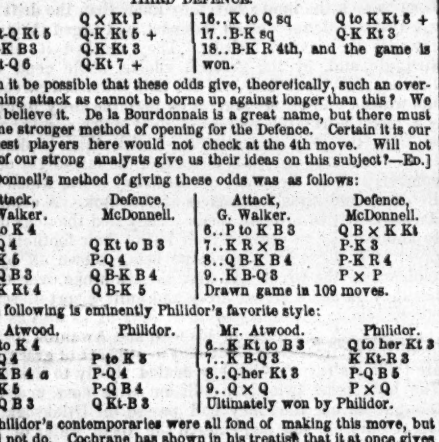
SOLUTION OF ENIGMA NO. 54.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1..R to Q 5 +	K × R	3..R to Kt 5 +	P × R
2..P-K 4 +	P × P *en pass.*	4..P-B 4 dis ch mate.	

PROBLEM NO. 55.—BY J. VAN OSDEL.

INSCRIBED TO M. J. H.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in three moves.

GAME NO. 55.

Between our contributor "Stamma," of Brooklyn, and a very strong player of the New York Club.

EVANS GAMBIT.

Black, Stamma.	White, Mr. ——.	Black, Stamma.	White, Mr. ——.
1..P to K 4	P to K 4	13..Kt to K B 5	K B to Q Kt 5
2..K Kt-B 3	Q Kt-B 3	14..Kt × Kt P +	K-his B sq
3..K B-Q 5	B-Q B 4	15..Q B-K R 6 *b*	K-Kt sq
4..P-Q Kt 4	B × Kt P	16..Q-her Kt 3	P-Q 4
5..P-Q B 3	B-Q R 4	17..P × P *en pass*	Kt-Q 4 *c*
6..Castles	Kt-B 3	18..K B × Kt	Q-K B 5 *d*
7..P-Q 4	Q P	19..R-Q B sq	Q × Q B
8..P-K 5	K K 5	20..R × Q B P	K B × Q P
9..K R-K sq	K B P	21..B × K B P +	K × K Kt
10..Q Kt × Kt	Kt-K	22..B-R 5 dis ch	K-his B 3
11..Q B-K Kt 5	Q B ×	23..R-K B 7 +	K-Kt 4
12..Kt × Q P	and Black mate	24..Q-her 5 +	K-R 5,

ce in three moves.

a P to K B 3d would be of no a

b Threatening to win the Queen.

c Foreseeing that he could immed to K B 3d.

d Not only attacking R and B, but thre ain the piece by 18..Q

ate.

ENIGMA NO. 55.

ERA TOURNAMENT.

"PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT."

White—K at Q B 7; Q at her B sq; B at Q R 6; Kt's at Q 6, and K R 5; P's at K B 6, and Q B 3d.

Black—K at Q 4; R's at Q 8, and K B 7; Kt's at K 4, and K R 7; P's at K R 3, Q 2, and 5th.

White to play and mate in four moves.

This is the problem which, not solvable in the way Mr. Healey proposed, lost him the first prize. There is a four-move solution sufficiently difficult, no doubt, to tax our contributors not a little.

ENIGMA NO. 56.

BY HERR ANTON NOVOTNY.

From the *Illustrirte Zeitung*—through *The Era*.

White—K at Q B sq; Q at her 7; B at K R 3; Kt at Q 4; P's at K 3, Q 2, Q B 3, and Q R 2d.

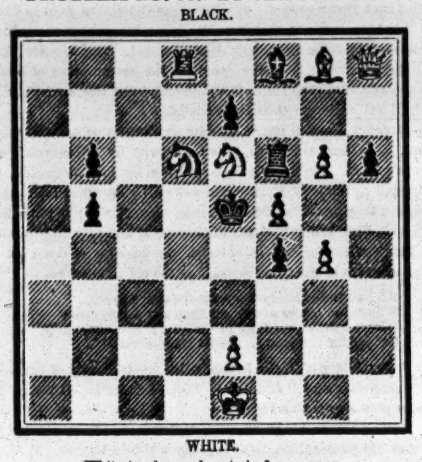
Black—K at Q B 5; Q at K R sq; R at Q B sq; B at K R 8; Kt at Q R 2; P's at K Kt 3, K B 3, Q 6, Q B 3 and 4, Q Kt 4, and Q R 4th. (Very difficult.)

White to play and mate in four moves.

☞ When any of our correspondents solve the above problems, please send in the solutions.

PROBLEM NO. 56.—BY CAMBRIDGE.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and mate in four moves.

GAME NO. 56.

Between our Boston contributors "Cambridge" and "G. H. H."

EVANS GAMBIT.

Black, Cambridge.	White, G. H. H.	Black, Cambridge.	White, G. H. H.
1..P to K 4	P to K 4	25..P × Q B P	K B P + Q
2..K Kt-B 3	Q Kt-B 3	26..P × Q *Queening*	Q R × Q
3..K B-Q B 4	B-Q B 4	27..R × K P *f*	K R-B 4
4..P-Q Kt 4	B × Kt P	28..P-K B 4	P-Q Kt 4
5..P-Q B 3	B-Q R 4	29..B-Q 3	K R × R *g*
6..Castles	P-Q 3 *a*	30..P × K R	B-his 3
7..P-Q 4	K P × P	31..B-Q B 2	B-Q 4
8..B P × P	B-Q Kt 3	32..P-Q R 3	B-his 5
9..P-Q 5 *b*	Q Kt-K 4	33..R-K B 3	R-K sq
10..K Kt × Kt	Q P × Kt	34..R-K 3	P-K R 4
11..Q B-R 3	K B-Q 5	35..B-K Kt 6	R-K B sq
12..Q-her R 4 +	Q B-Q 2	36..B × K R P	R-K B 4
13..Q-her Kt 4	K Kt-B 3	37..P-K Kt 4	R-K B 8 +
14..Q Kt-B 3	P-Q Kt 3	38..K-Kt 2	R-Q 8
15..P-K R 3	P-Q R 4	39..P-K Kt 5	R-Q 6
16..Q-her Kt 3 *c*	Kt × K P	40..K-B 2	P-Q Kt 5
17..Q R-K sq	Kt × Q Kt	41..B-K 2	R-Q B 6
18..Q B-Kt 2	P-Q R 5	42..B × B	R × B
19..Q-her R 3	B-Q B 4 *d*	43..R P × P	R × Q Kt P
20..Q × K Kt	K B-Q 5	44..P-K 6	K-Kt sq
21..Q-her Kt 4	K B × B	45..P-K 7	R-K B 5 +
22..Q × K B	Castles	46..K-his 2	P-Q R 6
23..Q × K P	P-K B 3 *e*	47..P Queens +	R-K B sq
24..P-Q 6 dis ch	K-R sq	48..P-Kt 6	P-R 7, and Black mates by force in four moves.

NOTES.

a In summing up his analyses of this opening, Walker says:—"After 5..B to Q R 4th by the Defence, followed by 6..Castles, on the part of the Attack, the Defence may take up a secure position by 6..P to Q 3d or K B to Q Kt 3d, resolving the game into a similar class of positions as if his 5th move had been K B to Q B 4th; or he may simply play 6..K Kt to B 3d, with an equally sound position." It is at this point, under this form of attack, that Col. Mead's Defence, K Kt to K 2d, is applicable.

b Not so good as Q B to Kt 2d, to which the answer should be, K Kt to B 3d.

c Black's 9th, though apparently attacking at the moment, now recoils on himself, thwarting his own progress.

d Evidently a miscalculation. It must certainly be that he has some move at command to secure more effectually some of his advantages. Will G. H. H. try it?

e K R to K sq, rather. He is still in condition vigorously to play for a win.

f And the game is reduced to a dead equality.

g Throwing the preponderance into Black's hands at once, which he never ceases to retain and gradually to improve, to the end.

MATCH GAMES.

BETWEEN BOSTON AND PHILADELPHIA

Number One.—Scotch Gambit.

White—Boston.	Black—Philad'a.
8..B takes Q Kt ch	P takes B
9..P takes Q 2d P	B to Q Kt 3
10..P to K R 3	Q B to Q R 3

Number Two.—Evans Gambit.

White—Philad'a.	Black—Boston
8..P takes P	B to Q Kt 3
9..Q B to Kt 2	K Kt to B 3
10..P to Q 5	

BETWEEN DE PREFONTAINE AND LOPEZ.

White—De Prefontaine.	Black—Lopez.
14..Q to K B 3	K Kt to K 2
15..B to K B 4	Castles with K R
16..Kt to Q 4	K Kt to his 3

BETWEEN STAMMA AND MIDNIGHT.

Black—Stamma.	White—Midnight.
9..Q Kt to B 3	Castles
10..Q B to K B 4	K R to K sq
11..Q Kt to K 2	

BETWEEN EN PRISE AND X. Y. Z., SENIOR.

White—En Prise.	Black—X. Y. Z.
19..Q B to K 3	Q B takes K Kt
20..B takes Kt	Q takes B
21..R takes B	Q to K R 3

CHEQUERS OR DRAUGHTS.

TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS ONE AND ALL.

We embrace the present opportunity to express our gratitude to our numerous contributors to the Draught department of the Clipper. The steadily increasing interest manifested for the game throughout the country, is a cheering evidence that we do not labor in vain. The field is by no means fully explored ; new combinations are constantly arising ; and the science of Draught-playing, instead of being "threadbare," is constantly increasing in interes,t and development. In the first number of the new volume, we shall commence publishing the "Theory of the Move and its Changes," by John Patterson, an eminent mathematician of Scotland. The article above referred to is incorporated in "Anderson's Treatise." To our readers we would say, our efforts to please and instruct, shall be increased, rather than lessened. "All aboard !"

☞ "Mojaisk" writes as follows—"Note (*d*) in my last game is wrong ; 13 to 17 would win instead of being drawn."

THE MOVE.

New York, April 11th, 1857.

Dear Sir—"Clutterbuck" comes down on me "like a wolf on the fold," but in my humble estimation fails to make good his points, or to prove that I am "all wrong." I will pass by his analysis of the first position quoted in my communication, as I am not at all strenuous as to which move of White is the one gained. If, however, we look at his example, White Kings on 6 and 9, B. Kings on 13 and 17, he is at fault by his own showing, unless the move of 6 to 1, is the move gained. In his example of "W. Kings at 1 and 3, B. Kings at 5 and 10," I am totally at a loss to see how an *exchange* can be forced, or even made at all by playing 3 to 7. Next, "White Kings at 20 and 21 ; B. Kings at 9 and 24." White's play 21 to 13 is a mystery to me ; I should suppose he would have to move 20 to 27, capturing Black King on 24, but perhaps I am "*wrong*" here. Lastly, it is an entirely new doctrine to me, that the "move" can be "surrendered" or transferred without an exchange ; the very nature of the "move" forbids it. I will say nothing against his enunciation of the law of transfer at present, as I consider mine the clearest ; but when mine is proved to be fallacious, I will admit it freely. Yours truly, D. S. H.

Boston, April 9, 1857.

Mr. Sweet—Dear Sir : My move in match with the unknown is 25—22. The game with Harry Boles I should like to transfer to mail if agreeable, as we can bring it to a speedier result, besides playing two or more games. Having more leisure time than I expected a week or two ago, I can attend to it better, besides, I think it will prove, by corresponding, a source of amusement to both. If Harry agrees, the games can be published. Please address D. L. Bent, Boston.

Yours truly, B.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mojaisk.—We make the correction. Other matter "set right."

Sam Twelves.—Move on hand.

Dr. H. D. Keeler.—We publish one of your positions this week, the other soon. Let us hear from you.

B., of Boston.—We publish your letter.

J. S.—Be kind enough to "slack up, and not veer out so much jaw rope," friend J. S. We say to you, as we have often said to others, viz., we shall make our own decisions in all cases.

N. H., Toronto.—We have informed Uncle. Solutions O. K.

C. S.—Will attend to you in our next. Wylie or Anderson on Draughts, if you can procure them, which is doubtful. Next best—Sturge's work.

Uncle Sam.—N. H. thinks that the solution of Position No. 90, New Series, contains an error. He writes—"From 22 to 25 instead of 22 to 26, I should think White would win."

Express.—Thanks for your game. "Mojaisk" wishes your private address.

Unknown.—Let us hear from you.

SOLUTION OF POSITION NO. 101.

NEW SERIES.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1..24 to 19	18 to 25	5..27 to 31	1 to 10
2..13 17	11 18	6..26 23	19 26
3..19 16	12 19	7..31 29, and wins.	
4..17 14	10 17		

SOLUTION OF POSITION NO. 102.

NEW SERIES.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1..20 to 16	14 to 23	4..31 to 6	5 to 9
2..19 26	12 19	5..6 1	9 14
3..26 23	19 26	6..1 6, and wins.	

GAME NO. 51.

NEW SERIES.

Lately played between "Know Nothing" and a Buffalo Amateur.

A VARIATION OF THE "NEW YORK."

Black, Amateur.	White, Know Nothing.	Black, Amateur.	White, Know Nothing.
1..11 to 16	23 to 19	8..7 to 14	28 to 24
2..8 11	26 23	9..2 7	24 19
3..4 8	30 26	10..9 13 *b*	26 22
4..9 14	22 17	11..7 10	22 17 *c*
5..15 18 *a*	19 15	12..13 22	27 24
6..10 19	24 15	13..18 27, and Black cannot save the game.	
7..5 9	17 10		

a 11 to 16, with the intention of playing from 14 to 18, looks inviting; but as White can reply 26 to 22, nothing would be gained.

b Black appears to be nearly "ashore" for moves.

c A "teazer."

GAME NO. 52.

NEW SERIES.

New York, April 4, 1857.

Mr. I. D. J. Sweet—*Dear Sir:* Will Harry, J. S., Mojaisk, or some other of your numerous correspondents, analyze the following game, after White's 12th move, and say which wins, or is it a drawn game? I believe the moves before the 12th, are all *legitimate.*

SINGLE CORNER.

White.	Black.	White.	Black.
1..22 to 18	11 to 15	7..27 to 23	9 to 14
2..18 11	8 15	8..25 21	6 9
3..25 22	4 8	9..24 20	15 24
4..29 25	8 11	10..28 19	11 15
5..22 19	9 13	11..32 28	15 24
6..21 17	5 9	12..28 19	

I heartily agree for one to that suggestion of having a meeting of all Draught players. Put me down as one. Yours, Express.

DRAUGHT ENIGMAS.

POSITION NO. 31.—OLD SERIES.

By Countryman.

Black men at 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 26, and 30.

White men at 6, 8, 13, 15, 17, 20, and 32. White King at 19

White to play and win.

POSITION NO. 32.—OLD SERIES.

By Harry Holt.

Black men at 2, 9, 15, 18, and 25. Black Kings at 3, and 21.

White men at 16, 24, and 31. White Kings at 5, 29, and 32.

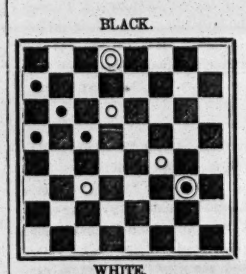
Black to move and win.

POSITION NO. 103.

NEW SERIES.

By Dr. H. D. Keeler

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and win.

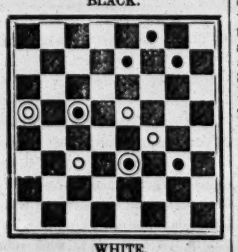
POSITION NO. 104.

NEW SERIES.

By A. R. N.

Dedicated to D. F. F.

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to play and win.

MATCH GAMES

BETWEEN ALONZO AND SAM TWELVES.

Black—Sam Twelves.	White—Alonzo.
19..5 14	18 9
20..10 15	— —

BETWEEN UNCLE SAM AND J. S., OF WINCHESTER.

NUMBER ONE.

White—J. S.	Black—Uncle Sam.
8..27 18	7 10
9..32 27	

NUMBER TWO.

White—Uncle Sam.	Black—J. S.
7..32 28	10 14
8..28 24	

BETWEEN B. OF BOSTON, AND THE UNKNOWN.

White—B of Boston.	Black—Unknown.
1..22 to 18	10 to 14
2..25 22	

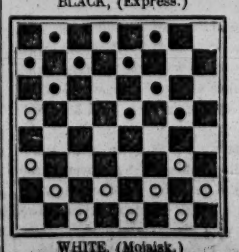
BETWEEN HARRY BOLES, AND B OF BOSTON.

White—B.	Black—Harry Boles.
1..23 to 19	11 to 15

MATCH GAME.

Between Mojaisk and Express.

BLACK, (Express.)



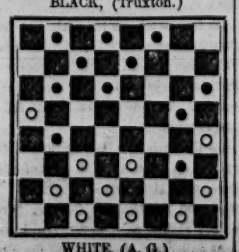
WHITE, (Mojaisk.)

Black to move

MATCH GAME.

Between Truxton and A. G.

BLACK, (Truxton.)



WHITE, (A. G.)

White to move.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatricals—Circuses—Ethiopian Minstrelsy, &c.

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☞ The proposition started by this paper to publish a list of all the places of public amusement in America seems to meet with general approbation, and we are anxious to make it as complete as possible. Those managers who have not yet reported themselves and their institution at "the Captain's office," will please do so without further delay. Send a small playbill.

To our neighbors, and brethren of the Press generally, we are under great obligations for the favorable manner in which they have already noticed our list of "The English Theatres," and for their kind aid in furthering the present design. Let us show "the old folks" whether we patronize or neglect amusements in this land of plenty. Communications should be addressed to "The New York Clipper, New York."

The variations observable between an ancient and a comparatively recent state of society, or between older exalted standards and modern generalized equalities, afford much reflection and suggestive remark. In theatrical matters, this sort of preference for previous reminiscences or for present glorifications generally brings out the principal items of interest in conversational discussion. Some minds are such sticklers for the past that they shake their heads when speaking of Young, Mrs. Glover, Cooke, Henderson, Miss O'Neil, J. P. Kemble, and others of their days, solemnly asserting that we shall not see their "like again." Other minds spontaneously take up some booby bumpkins or pert madams who have not yet achieved even a preliminary course of elocution, and insist upon universal admiration on account of "unsurpassed and unsurpassable excellence" to begin with. We scarcely know which class of extremes to classify as the most foolish, but certainly the latter is the most dangerous.

When, however, the reminiscences of the past are brought forward in the social spirit of a desire to share the reciprocity of sentiment with regard to some theatrical events or personages, the expression is perfectly natural, and has a tendency for the right kind of conversational discussion, such as harmonizes the mind while the argument proceeds.

Among an immense mass of theatrical correspondence received this week, we are glad to welcome a communication from "Americus," who writes in precisely the right vein of provocative courtesy to ensure a first-rate insertion and secure some first-rate replies, for he seems to be a first-rate fellow all around. Hear him :—

Mr. Editor : Permit me to drop *horse-talk* for a while, and call the attention of your readers to an "old reminiscence" in a theatrical way. I witnessed Sheridan's Comedy of "The Rivals" at Wallack's last evening, and enjoyed the treat immensely ; and I have no doubt but all of our old theatrical people (for I saw many well-known heads of the old Park pit days there) experienced the same pleasure. The cast was immense, stronger than any other in America, and I much doubt whether at the present day it can be equaled in England.

The cast last night was as follows, and is deservedly worthy of being placed on the record for future reference :—

Sir Anthony Absolute	Mr. Blake.
Captain Absolute	" Lester.
Sir Lucius O'Trigger	" Brougham.
Acres	" Walcot.
David	" G. Holland.
Falkland	" Dyott.
Fag	" Levere.
Julia	Mrs. Hoey.
Lydia Languish	Miss Mary Gannon.
Mrs. Malaprop	Mrs. Vernon.

When Wallack rented the National Theatre, corner of Leonard and Church streets, many years ago, he collected around him a remarkably strong company, and opened with the same comedy of "The Rivals," cast thus :—

Sir Anthony Absolute	Old Barnes.
Captain Absolute	Mr. Wallack.
Sir Lucius O'Trigger	" Henry Wallack.
Acres	" J. S. Browne.
David	" W. H. Williams.
Falkland	" Abbott.
Fag	" J. Wallack, Jr.
Julia	Miss Emma Wheatley.
Lydia Languish	Mrs. Rogers.
Mrs. Malaprop	" Russell.

Which is the *better picture* of the two, remains for your readers to decide. Four of this number have "shuffled off their mortal coil," viz., Old Barnes, Abbott, Williams, and Miss Emma Wheatley, afterwards the wife of Mr. James Mason, of your city. I have lost all track of Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Russell, and know not whether they have deceased, or are still in the land of the living—perhaps some of your theatrical readers can inform me. I should be pleased to know, for the cherished recollections I have of that great cast. Old Barnes was very fine in characters like Sir Anthony ; while the Captain Absolute of Mr. Wallack was *perfection* itself, as can very readily be imagined. The Sir Lucius of Henry Wallack was one of his best performances ; and the Acres of Browne, of Robert Macaire memory, cannot, in my opinion, be *equaled* even by the great Burton himself. To make the cast as complete as possible, Mr. J. Wallack, Jr., now playing at Burton's in the "Winter's Tale," took the part of Fag.

Without commenting upon the excellences of the various parts so admirably played last night, which I should be pleased to do if it did not trespass too much on your columns, my "wish will be entirely answered and my end gained" if I have at all directed the attention of your numerous readers to an "old theatrical reminiscence."

Respectfully yours, Americus.

New York, April 7, 1857.

"Are you there, Old Truepenny ?" or, as Poor Tyrone Power said, (when he made his "first *second* appearance" at the Park Theatre, on his return from Europe,) "Is it there ye are ?" The mention of Wallack's National Theatre, at the N. W. corner of Leonard and Church streets, (where the indomitable Drury-Laner carried on an agreeable opposition to the "Camp-Meetin Church,") we might have borne without wincing; but that allusion to the old Pitites at the Park was a little too much for our usual stock of non-committal philosophy. Those "well-known heads" have now nearly all joined the venerable society of "Old Tops;" or, if not, they are very likely to be fully qualified for membership on the score of baldness.

Statistical readers, who can remember Brother Wallack's company in Leonard street, would no doubt be able to tell us "which is the better picture of the two" in the above casts, and we should be glad to have their contrasted opinions. As a general rule, we always avoid mentioning the names of contemporary performers in any degree of invidious comparison ; but, perhaps the present discussion might yield a justification for suspending such a rule.

Dogberry's idea of comparisons should also be remembered when comparing whatever in art has so changed its relative position as to be viewed in a different light. We must consider the many changes since that "Italian Opera House" was first attempted at the corner of Leonard and Church street; how Manager Wallack shelled out his means, and tried his natural politeness with pump-handle prime donne; how Sandy Wilson left his daffy-down-dillies and hot-houses to rebuild the National, and all he got was a loss, to which was added the abuse of Jamie Gordon Bennett, of the Herald; how W. E Burton brought his Brummagem ideas (*via* "Vitechapel" and Philadelphia) to the rescue; and how the fates, the furies, and the fires, finally triumphed in favor of the darkness, the stupidity, and the bigotry, on the lower corner of Leonard street. We must also remember that the Broadway Theatre has since come into the field; and, on lowering the price of admission to fifty cents, the old Park gained nothing by endeavoring to follow suit. A cast for "The Rivals" in this city twenty years ago partakes of those differences which are always observable in experience, when equalizing changes have leveled down exalted standards.

We are informed by good authorities that when Vauxhall Gardens in London were opened in 1732, the price of admission was a guinea, and four hundred persons attended. Within our own remembrance, we have seen ten thousand persons in those gardens, and been informed that four hundred guineas would not begin to pay for the ham sandwiches and champagne called for in the refreshment arbors. This generalizing of audiences produces a generalizing of performers—a mutual leveling, we may say. Luckily, the standards of art cannot be changed with the changes of passing circumstances; and hence we find that the mission and province of the true critic remain in constant usefulness. Indeed, the presence of mediocrity points out and requires the conservative influences of true criticism all the more.

There is no occasion, however, to sit down like Volney among the ruins, and give vent to reflections as mournful as Scotch theology or the North British Review would suggest on the approach of a comet. There is a hopeful faith among the true lovers of art which carries us through all transient changes; and, as we see our friend "Americus" has the right kind of spirit, no doubt a few remarks may be acceptable to the reader.

On comparing W. R. Blake's Sir Anthony Absolute with that of Jack Barnes, we must admit the fact of what the clergy call "a declension," in that particular. We have great respect for Mr. Blake, but feel certain that he is out of place in such characters as Sir Anthony Absolute, or any such polished gentlemen as can say to their sons "you dog !" on the stage, and still not appear in any way derogatory to dignity or good breeding. We do not mean that Mr. Blake's own manners lack courtly dignity, for we well know better than that; but yet he does not assume the absolutism of Sir Anthony with the grace of action or the unction of repose which Jack Barnes readily assumed the moment he took up his cane to "go on" in that character. It is with actors as with vocalists—the speaking pitch and the singing (acting) pitch may vary considerably in the same individual. We have seen Dowton, Bartley, Jack Fawcett, Old Farren, and such like, play Sir Anthony Absolute; and these examples have also been enjoyed by both the parties we are now speaking of. We rather think that Mr. Blake himself would not like to compare himself with sterling old Jack Barnes. Jack was one of those men who never buttoned or unbuttoned his coat without giving forth the expression of some feeling or some sentiment—either of his own or some other character—and all well worthy of artistic notice. Like John Philip Kemble, if he took snuff with the left hand, he had a reason for it, which the world might or might not notice—for he never cared, being well justified by his own genius. Mr. Blake would, no doubt, try his best; but he could no more give us a gentlemanly passionate Sir Anthony Absolute than he can give a good Sir Harcourt Courtly. As Jesse Rural he would be sure to please, and that is the class of characters this gentlemanly performer generally excels in.

In saying this much, we take it for granted that our correspon "Americus" is correct in his remembrance as regards Old playing Sir Anthony Absolute on the occasion mentioned. We

ber the opening of the dramatic company at Wallack's National, but do not remember Jack Barnes being there. However, we have seen so many "first nights," that we do not undertake to be positive, and must confess that we cannot distinguish who was the Sir Anthony of that occasion. We saw "Billy Villiams of the Vells" come it at that house with all the old-school flourishes, and the remembrance of that is quite clear. We well remember seeing Jack Barnes play Sir Anthony in Mobile during the early part of 1837, at the old theatre in St. Emanuel street, and it was a glorious creation of art. It so happened that we were thrown much in his company at various places that season, and this has helped to confuse our recollections. He was with Ludlow and Smith (Old Sol) at St. Louis, then at New Orleans, and then at Pensacola. In Mobile we also met with him daily, either at the theatre, Mr. De Camp's residence at Spring Hill, or else at Arthur Keene's music store. For various reasons, not necessary to particularize here, we were sure to "get together" if possible. If we have any partiality for Mr. Barnes we should not let it influence our public writing, and have no intention of disparaging Mr. Blake.

Of the two Captain Absolutes, we must also prefer that of Mr. J. Wallack to that of Mr. Lester. This preference is also no disparagement to the latter named party, for the "young 'un" must have time to get "his pith." All things considered, Mr. Lester is in advance of what might be expected when in comparison with his "illustrious predecessor."

Then the two Sir Lucius O'Triggers! and such a pair! "Sure such a pair," etc. As regards Harry Wallack in such a character, almost any performer must lose by the comparison as long as Harry lives to grace the stage. And yet John Brougham is, perhaps, the nearest approximation one can desire We are great admirers of Mr. Brougham as Sir Lucius. When speaking, he seems equal to Harry Wallack; when not speaking, there is the usual lack of repose which mars the modern school, and his by-play is comparatively deficient in narrative power and pantomimic smoothness. Who else could approach such a leader as Harry Wallack? Long may he live! And "eke also" John Brougham!

In judging of the two Acres mentioned, we must remember that the character itself is a matter of controversy. Mr. Browne was a good Acres, according to his conception of the character; but, as an actor who prided himself on specialities, (such as the following of Lemaitre in Robert Macaire, for example,) we rather think that Mr. Walcot deserves the most credit. Somehow Charley seems to delight in the mysterious. He certainly is a very promising performer, and we have great hopes for his future. Acres remains like Falstaff, a study for the critics.

Of the two Davids, George Holland and "Billy Villiams of the Vells" would be as near alike as their ages. W. H. Williams was better qualified for Sir Anthony Absolute, and he knew it; George Holland would prefer dressing up for the Coachman, and no doubt he knows that. Both performers would endeavor to do justice according to the stage manager's cast, but we are sure that Mr. Williams was the most fellicitous and electric. By the way, it is our guess that "Billy Villiams of the Vells" did not come to this country until 1838, and that his first appearance at the National was as Sir Anthony Absolute.

The two Falklands probably never had better sustainers as sentiment-utterers. In the elocutionary and all colloquial relations, Mr. Dyott is truly praiseworthy; and, not knowing of Mr. Abbott, one need not look for a better Falkland. Still, Abbott had the advantage of that elegance of schooling which experience had taught him among the Orlandos, Peregrine Pickles, and Prince Claudios of the London stage, assisted by Jack Fawcett's friendship and George Bartley's advice while at Covent Garden.

The Fags are not to be overlooked, especially such as J. Wallack, Jr., and Mr. Levere. Fag was the youthful Jim's choice for his first night in New York, and he ably showed his training since the days when "Cora's child" in Philadelphia. It was a brilliant triumph for the name of Wallack and the manager's "nevvy." In fact, "Uncle Jem" had a right to be proud. There was a fresh, top-booty, tigery, watering-place kind of vitality about the Fag of J. Wallack, Jr., which was sure to please the admirers of Sheridan. We missed seeing Mr. Levere's personation of the character last week, but have been informed that it was very creditable.

The two Julias—Emma Wheatley and Mrs Hoey—are both favorably known to New York theatre goers. The former lady was an example of every virtue, with many merits as a performer. To speak as a critic, we must award the preference in this case to the most modern actress, Mrs. Hoey. Emma Wheatley would no doubt have attained great eminence had she remained in the profession, and her reasons for returning to it for a short period were of the most honorable character. Her death on Long Island left a mournful void in New York society.

In the other two characters—Lydia Languish and Mrs. Malaprop—the impersonaters at Wallack's in 1857 are undoubtedly superior to the two previous ladies. A better actress than Mrs. Vernon cannot be found, and we should become too anecdotal for our limits if attempting to speak of her and the other members of the Fisher family, to which she originally belonged. No doubt "Americus" or some such "Old Pitite at the Park" would favor us with their views. We now proceed with our duties.

CITY SUMMARY.—Laura Keene has achieved another triumph in the production of Charles Gaylor's "Love of a Prince," which is one of those historical dramas that are sure to please if well rendered.... The Italian Opera has "got started" at Niblo's, and Madame Gazzaniga has made a good impression.... The Pyne and Harrison Troupe are doing the alternate at Burton's.... As "The Money Question," by the Junior Dumas, is to be adapted at Laura Keene's, we may now expect a sudden increase in the abominably ignorant attempts at putting a Frenchman's name into the English possessive case.... Dempster is trying to put some soul into the Tabernacle.... That comedy company at Wallack's is better than all the star people that ever kicked up a fuss in the papers.... Various attempts are now made to keep the Academy of Music alive.... The German Theatre in the Bowery gives a very reasonable Camille by the aid of Mrs. Hohm as the Germanized heroine.... R. Johnston succeeds to the stage management at the Bowery.... The Broadway will soon have Mr. Miles's "De Soto," and E. L. Davenport will shiver his timbers as the hero.... Mr. H. C. Jarrett is not going to put the English stage to rights just yet.... The report that a certain down-east adventurer has taken the Bowery for the ensuing summer is all fudge.... The J. R. Scott Dramatic Club have very pleasing rehearsals.... Who the dogs are the Schmeissers?.... Bryant's Minstrels continue to prove themselves the most attractive company in town.... Nothing new from the other institutions.

DRAMATIC AND DESULTORY.

Madame Ellvina Vail's concert at Hoboken caused Odd Fellow's Hall to be filled with a fashionable audience the other evening, and the performances gave great satisfaction, for the lady's splendid voice indicates the highest success as an accomplished vocalist, and she was assisted by other talented performers.... Ada Robinson's expected concert at Niblo's will be worth looking after.... "I'll Tell Your Wife" if you neglect going to see that played at Wallack's.... One report says that Mrs. McMahon is going to England, and another says that she will have the Chambers-Street Theatre for the summer. Either report may be believed, with similar consequences.... Manager Stuart will have his Summer Garden in full bloom soon.... People say that Irish Collins is coming to Burton's.... Lola Montes had her last flare-up in Louisville upon the carpet question.... Joseph Jefferson leads the business at the Holliday-Street in Baltimore.... Wyman is doing the magical in Troy.... The new theatre in Worcester, Mass., is quite a favorite there, as it should be.... Maggie Mitchell is at Norfolk, Va., and goes thence to Baltimore.... Don't Edwin Booth's agent pile on the agony?.... Mr. J. Wallack's engagements in Cincinnati and in Chicago have been canceled on account of illness in the veteran manager's family.... "Neighbor Jackwood" is soon to do the neighborly at our Museum.... A "Yankee Notion" piece called "The Career of Crime," etc., is talked about at the Bowery.... Professor Harrington is at Lowell.... Lancaster Hall, in Portland, has been enlivened by Bidwell & Marston's Dramatic Company, one of the best in the U. S.... Joe Proctor is at Cleveland, O.... W. M. Fleming is reaping a fine harvest in California.

PHILADELPHIA.—The National Circus is closed for the present, Mr. Lent is on a tour of success, and John Drew is to open the house in May.... At the Arch, Manager Wheatley has produced "The Sea of Ice" successfully, and will soon bring out "The Naiad Queen." The people who found fault with Mr. Norton on the night of the benefit for the family of J. Ingles Matthias were a little too quick on the trigger .... John Drew has wound up his Irish characters at the Walnut, and is now succeeded by Peter Richings and Charlotte.... Sanford's Opera Troupe continue very successful.... The first operatic season (twenty-nine representations) at the Academy of Music has closed with every prospect of a safe footing in public opinion.... Do the "Sons of Malta" ever drink beer?.... Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Davenport are engaged at the Arch for the ensuing season.

BOSTON.—Miss Kimberly has been delighting elegant audiences in the neighboring towns and States with Shakespearean and other poetic readings. We expect soon to find "Shakespearean Readers" among the regular classifications of city directories. Miss Kimberly has imparted a high degree of artistic consideration to this class of oratory.... The National is rapidly reaching the dregs of vulgarity. Little did we think such a fate was in store for that fine theatre when seated in a retired corner with W. O. Eaton, the author of the "Opening Address," on the night the house opened.... Edwin Booth will commence at the Boston on the 20th, and Matilda Heron on May 4th.... The Ordways are on the move, as stated last week.... Cathedral music and antiphonal choirs are signs of the good taste of Boston, and the Tremont Temple has been "gladdened" with them.... Eliza Logan and the Museum are prosperous.... Bleeding Kansas is done on canvas at the Melodeon ... Three newspapers in this city have consolidated their dead stupidity, and now call it "newspaper enterprise."... Thalberg's genius and Boston justice have triumphed, notwithstanding the bad judgment of his "manager."

ST. LOUIS.—Mr. Eddy had a successful time at the People's, and is now in Cincinnati.... Mrs. Macready made a good impression with her readings, and is yet in St. Louis.... The Marsh Children will commence at the People's in May.... The Kellers are also expected.... The Old Christy's Minstrels are at Wyman's Hall.... Wood is making a new entrance to his house on Fourth Street, and in future it is to be called "The Fourth-Street Theatre".... A German company will keep the Varieties open until the 1st of May.

CHICAGO.—North's Amphitheatre will be closed for a couple of weeks, in order to redecorate, and on the 4th of May Mrs. Shaw (Hamblin) will commence an engagement for two weeks. Then Agnes Robertson for the next two weeks.... Mr. Hackett has been very successful at the Chicago Theatre.

FOREIGN AND MISCELLANEOUS.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

Charles Pitt and wife are at Rochdale.... The National Dramatic Club have been very successful at the St. James's, in London.... The equestrian performances at Astley's are now among the most popular attractions in London.... The private theatricals in the Aldershot Camp keep improving, and are made noble uses of for charitable purposes.... Badiali and Catharine Hayes have given the Italian Opera party in Dublin a more decided popularity than ever.... The London Opera Company is at Sheffield.... The National Opera Company is at Exeter.... Tom Barry's benefit in London was a "no mistaker."..... Shakespearean revivals are going on at Liverpool, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, Brighton, and Plymouth.... Professor Anderson is at Cork.... Theatres and circuses are all doing well in Copenhagen.... Manager Coppin's fashion of renting three theatres and only occupying one in Sydney, N. S. W., is ruining the dramatic prospects of that flourishing city.... There are about a hundred actors and seventy-five actresses now in Australia, and there are fifteen theatres in a circuit of about two thousand miles.... Nothing new on the European Continent during Lent.

CANINE.

FIGHT IN CLEVELAND.—A fight took place in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 7th inst., between T. F. Andrews' dog Jack, and Mr. Brewer's dog Watch, for $100. Each dog made four scratches; but on the fifth, Watch refused to face the music, and Jack was pronounced the winner, after a well-contested battle of 45 minutes. Considerable money changed hands on the occasion, and all present at the fight were perfectly satisfied at the manner in which it was conducted and concluded.

Our "New Correspondent," who sends us the above, says: "We consider we have some as good dogs in this city as can be scared up in any part of the country; New York, Boston or Philadelphia not excepted. We are prepared to make a match against any 25-pound dog (give or take a pound) for from $100 to $500 a-side. Should any of your friends think this a sufficient inducement, or have occasion to visit the West on business during the coming summer, they can get a match (by informing us previously through the CLIPPER) or by calling at George Speed's saloon, No. 16 Bank Street, Cleveland, Ohio, or at T. F. Andrews' saloon, Pittsburgh Street.

P. S.—Watch died on the 10th inst.

FIGHT IN PROVIDENCE.—The match between John Sullivan's dog Spot and Castleton's dog Turk, for $200, came to a focus on the 11st inst., at Prentis's, Rhode Island House, Providence. The dogs appeared at the scratch at a little after 3 o'clock, both looking in good condition, although Sullivan's dog was somewhat lame in one of his fore legs, the result of a previous turn-up with another dog. On getting to the scratch, both went at it with a will, Spot playing on the legs and nose, and Turk fighting at the throat. At the end of twenty minutes, Turk turned. On the 2d round, it being Turk's scratch, he went in, and was well met by Spot, both playing at the same point as before; in three minutes, Spot turned. It being his scratch, he went at Turk like a shot, and got a telling hold, which he kept for two minutes, when Turk broke his hold and turned. On time being called, it being Turk's scratch, he refused, and the battle was awarded to Spot, after fighting 25 minutes.

BILLY ON HAND.—In our last appeared a challenge, signed by Wm. Goulding, offering to fight his dog Tigue, against Mr. Roome's 28-pound dog, for $200 a side. Mr. Roome has since called upon us to state that he will accept the challenge, as given, with the exception that a toss shall be had for the place of fighting. Mr. Goulding can be accommodated as soon as he likes. If a match is made, the contest between Roome's Billy, and Goulding's Tigue will be a spirited affair. A match can be made by calling on Mr. Roome, at 140 Church Street.

MATCH IN CHICAGO.—Johnny Mackey has matched his Dog "Lion," against Sherman's Dog "Jack," for $250 a side, to come off on Monday, the 20th inst. The fight to take place at the Garden City course. Each to fight at 48 pounds.

MATCH IN PAWTUCKET.—Michael Graham's dog Niggar, is to fight the Pawtucket dog Touch, on the 25th inst., at Wm. Prentiss' Rhode Island House, Providence, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for $50 a side. Graham's dog has heretofore beaten all his competitors, but the Pawtucket boys think they will fetch him this time. We shall see.

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TORONTO VS. ROCHESTER.—Toronto, April 11.—As Mr. Burt Kellogg, of Rochester, wishes to make a match with me with a 35lb. dog, he is just the man I have been looking for, as I have a dog his weight, that has been at rest too long. I think if Mr. Kellogg meant to make a match, he would not ask me to go to his own door to fight; but as I am anxious for a match, I will toss up with him to choose the place for the battle. I intend to go to Rochester in a few days, when we can make further arrangements; if not, answer through the CLIPPER.

JOSEPH NEILL, Sportsman's Home, Sayer-street.

WHERE'S THAT CRACK SHOT?—Detroit, April 6.—MR. EDITOR: I have just seen a challenge in your paper from some unknown lover of the trigger, to shoot a match at pigeons against any man in this State, at 25 birds each, for $100 a side. If this crack had let us known his name, perhaps he might have been accommodated upon his own terms. As it is, nothing can be said; but should this nameless aspirant for fame think proper to come out bold and say what he means, he shall be met upon the most friendly terms; all that is wanted is a fair field and no favor. I can assure you, Mr. Editor, there are several sportsmen in this city anxious to have such an opportunity to decide which is the most expert shooter in this peninsular State. Yours truly, RAMROD.

LAMBERT AND HENDLEY'S RACE.—The last deposit of $25 a side, for Lambert and Hendley's five-mile foot race, was made on the 15th, at Mr. Grace's, Cambridge street. This match, which has created much interest in pedestrian circles, takes place over the Lawrence race track, on the 16th.

CHALLENGE.—Chester, April 13.—I will run Tom Chance, of Marcus Hook, or any other man in Delaware County, a foot race of 150 yards, for $25. Man and money ready at Mirch & McCall's segar store, Chester. The race to be run in two weeks after the match is made.

LARRY WOOD, alias Lightfoot.

QUICK RUN.—The barque James M. Hicks, of this city, recently made the run from Boston to the Balize, below New Orleans, in eight days.

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We are informed that Mr. Weeber has lately returned from California, and is reported to be a first-rate shot, and at present is staying the Oregon House, 254 Fulton street.

MOVING.—May-day will soon be here, with all its attendant [illegible] consequent upon our absurd custom of moving, or changing [illegible] of residence. By this unwise system, old friends are [illegible] sight of, perhaps forever. It is a consolation to know [illegible] our respected friend, Dr. Gouraud, will remain at [illegible] Walker street, so that those who have super[illegible] wish to rid themselves of, have only to call up[illegible] some of his Poudres Subtile, and the desired [illegible] if you desire to have a clear and brilli[illegible] well-known Italian Medicated Soap [illegible] while Liquid Rouge just gives the [illegible] completes the simple process of [illegible] hair is not up to your ideas of [illegible] article of Dye is prepared by, or [illegible] or gray hair to a beautiful [illegible] that the Doctor intends from Broadway, where these and many other cosmetics [illegible] Walker street, first [illegible] Third street, Phila[illegible] Boston.

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LATEST SPORTS ABROAD.

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THE RING.

FIGHTS TO COME.

MAY 26.—Bob Travers and Johnny Walker—£100 a side, London.
28.—Haley and Sullivan—£10 a side, London.
JUNE 1.—Lynch and Barrington—£25 a side, London.
14.—Longmore and Newton—£25 a side, Birmingham.
15.—Keefe and Hartley—£25 a side, London.
15.—Tom Sayers and Tom Paddock—£100 a side and the Belt, London.
JULY 6.—Baylis and Fleet—£25 a side, Midland Circuit.
AUG. 10.—Boss Tyler and Bodger Crutchley—£50 a side, London.

Fight Between George Sims and Ben Bandoff,
FOR £25 A SIDE.

THESE men fought on Monday. It was the second time they had contested, Sims having on the previous occasion been victorious. The Israelites were not satisfied, and determined to let their man have a chance of retrieving his lost honors, and this led to the present match, the combatants having to fight at catch weight. In this respect Sims undoubtedly had all the advantage, being, we should think, full a stone heavier, the Jew not being more than 11st. The attendance was much more limited than was anticipated, but the state of the weather had, no doubt, much to do with this. After a short trip a deliberation was speedily effected, when the commissary at once proceeded to form the list-, the ground being in a very wet and sloppy condition. Both men had been through a careful course of training, and though stated to be equally up to the mark, yet it struck us that Sims would have been all the better for severe work, as he was unquestionably too fleshy. Bandoff, on stepping into the ropes, had behind him Bill Hayes and Mike Madden, while Jemmy Welsh and Bos Tyler attended on Sims, who was the favorite at 5 to 4. The *toilettes* of the men were completed with all possible dispatch, and after they had received the finishing touch from their seconds, they were conducted to the scratch.

THE FIGHT.

Round 1. The position of each man was good. Bandoff, who is slightly the tallest, had a most comical expression about his phiz, while Sims, on the contrary, looked as serious as a mute on duty. After a little manœuvring Brandoff led, and planted the left full on his opponent's nut, Sims returning the compliment in the exchanges. In a hustling rally they fought to the ropes, when George, to extricate himself from trouble, went down. *First blood* was claimed for Ben, the crimson being just perceptible from the kissing trap.

2. The combatants came up in the midst of a pelting shower, and at once went to work. In some rattling exchanges they fought to a close, when Sims, to avoid struggling, went down. Bandoff stood looking at him and grinned, but on being taken to his corner it appeared that he had done some injury to his right mawley.

3. George, with more impetuosity than judgment, went rushing at his man, doing, however, no execution, as he hit open-handed. In a rally they closed, when both went to grass, Sims under.

4. Sims planted the left and right on the head, but the blows were deficient in severity. Bandoff was by no means idle, but pegged away merrily, getting some sharp thwacks home on his man's knowledge box. In trying for the fall both fell.

5. Sims out of distance with the left, when, as the Jew shifted his position, he dashed at him impetuously, and after a harmless exchange of left handers they closed. Sims, as Bandoff tried to hug him, fibbed away with much spirit, and in the fall was under.

6. George, all impatient to begin, went at his man with a rush, when, after some well meant exchanges, Bandoff caught him up, and tried the hug. Sims fibbed away at the ribs, and in the fall both went down in the middle of the ring.

7. Sims planted one for the nob, and as Ben broke ground followed up in his usual impetuous manner. Bandoff now got on the ropes in his own corner, when Sims, after administering a clumping hit with the right on the head, closed, and in the fall was under.

8. This was a merry well-fought round. In some well delivered exchanges Sims planted the left full on the right eye, and in a fine spirited rally, in which considerable execution was done on both sides, the combatants got to the ropes, and in struggling for the fall went down together.

9. George delivered a slashing hit on the ribs with the right, when Bandoff got his man's nob in an awkward position, and held him with a powerful grip. Sims pegged away with the right on the body, and after extricating himself from his antagonist, went down, the Jew falling on him.

10. Another good round. Sims, in leading, planted the left on the head, and followed up with a rattling spank from the right. Ba loff, in return, fought with both mawleys, doing considerable execution on the top part of George's brain canister. In a good rally they got to the ropes, and in the fall both went down, Sims under.

11. Sims, on being met by his antagonist, lunged out the right, hitting again open-handed. In breaking away he slipped and fell against the stake, but on the instant he recovered his perpendicular, and renewed fighting. In a rally they closed and went down, Sims being under.

12. Sims home with a flush hit on the left eye, and in the exchanges planted the right on the ribs, the Jew administering on the head. In retreating to his corner Sims again planted the left on the *os frontis*, and to extricate himself from difficulties went down on his knees.

13. Sims went dashing at his man, delivering a spanking right-hander on the Jew's nasal prominence, and in retreating slipped and went down.

14. Sims led with both mawleys and got home, although not with precision. Bandoff, as his opponent broke ground, planted a fine one-two with the left, when George fought to a close, and in the struggle both were down, Sims under.

15. In the counter-hitting both men got home, but not heavily. In struggling for the fall Bandoff was under.

16. George went dashing at his opponent, and after some slight exchanges they closed and went down.

17. Sims landed a right-hander on the ribs, but received a dose of Cayenne on the head from Ben's left. The combatants now closed and went down in a harmless fall.

18. George again took the initiative, and planted some open-handed hits on his man's cranium. Ben was by no means idle with the left, and in a rally they fought to a close, when the Jew threw his antagonist in good style in the middle of the ring.

19. A close, and Bandoff thrown heavily by his antagonist, pitching on his side, and on being picked up it became apparent that he had sustained some further injury to his right arm.

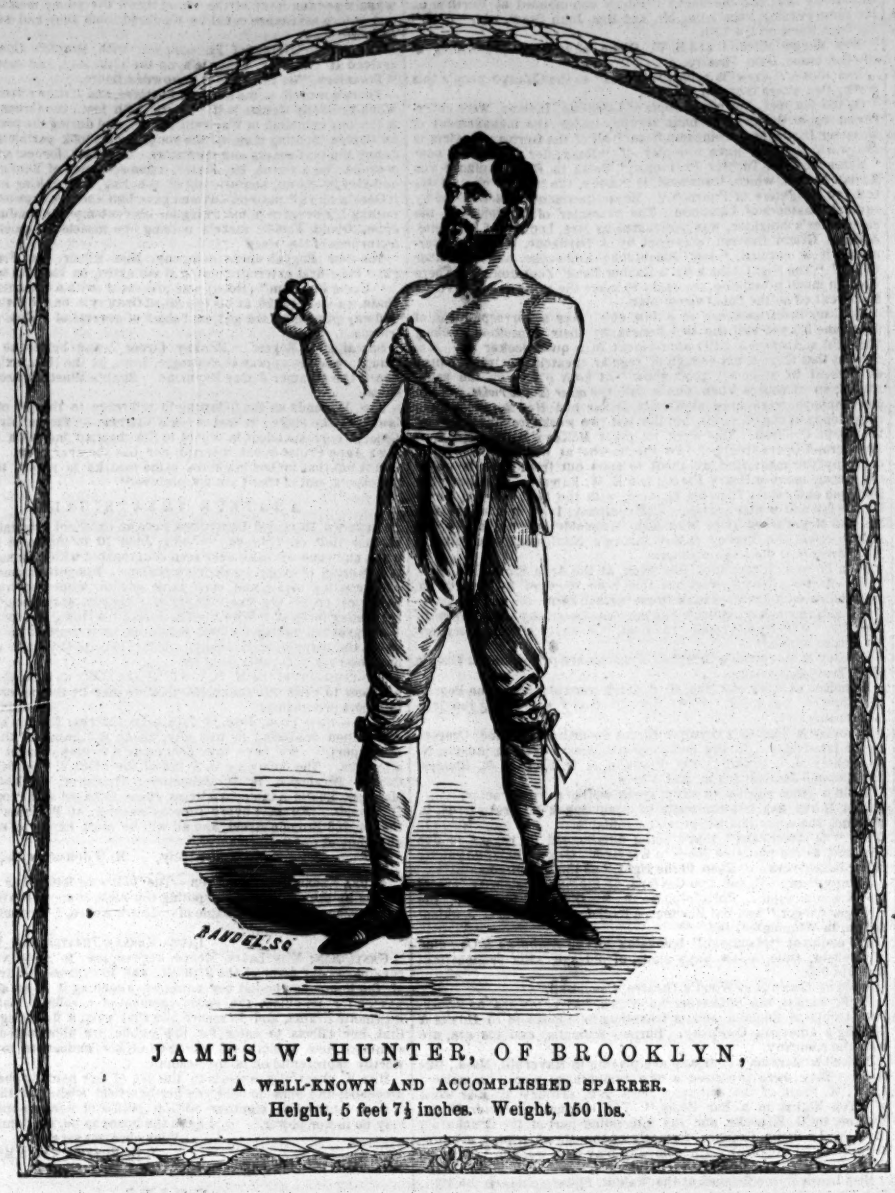
Having thus far given a detailed description of the contest, by which the relative pretensions of the combatants may be fairly estimated, we shall now proceed to state all that remains to be told as briefly as possible. Bandoff's right mawley after the throw in the 19th round was all but useless to him, for in many of the bouts afterwards he could not lift it from his side. He had consequently only one hand to fight with, so that he was all but defenceless against the attacks of his opponent. Previous to Monday he had obtained the unenviable reputation of being a cur, therefore it was not a little surprising to all when they found that he still kept coming to the call of "Time," and continuing the battle with only one good hand. Several of the rounds were of a most spirited description, Bandoff in these bouts fighting in a very resolute and determined manner, although there was not the remotest chance of his being victorious, as his opponent was not only strong on his pins but had likewise the use of both mawleys. Had Sims been a punishing hitter, the contest could not possibly have lasted so long as it did, for the Jew was not able to make any resistance to his attacks, so that George towards the end had nothing more to do than to hit when he liked. He was not, however, a sufficient tactician to finish his antagonist off in the easy manner anticipated by his friends, for, notwithstanding he had the contest well in hand, yet it was not until the thirty-sixth round that he succeeded in knocking Bandoff out of "time" with a heavy hit from the right, the battle having lasted exactly 53 minutes.

REMARKS.

As will be gleaned from our account, this battle was neither a scientific nor a very good one; but although it has neither of these qualifications to recommend it to the patrons of the art, yet there can be no disputing that both men did their utmost to obtain victory, Bandoff, indeed, fighting in such a game style as to astonish his own friends. By his admirers he is considered to have acquitted himself in a very honorable manner, and we are bound to say that the Israelites, who had put the needful on to a heavy amount, lost their money like men, for there was not a murmur of discontent, all being satisfied that their man was fairly licked on his merits; although they fancy that the result would have been different had not Bandoff had the misfortune to hurt his hand. Sims, in addition to his want of knowledge of the science, has the fault of hitting open-handed, and had it not been for this, he would have given his opponent the finishing touch long ere he did. He, however, is a well-tried game un, and being considered so superior to the Jew in this respect, his friends thought it next to impossible for him to lose. He has fairly and honorably won, and is therefore entitled to his full meed of merit.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

CARHAM CROW SHOOTING CLUB.—The Carham Rifle Shooting Club held its annual meeting on Monday, the [illegible] May, on the grounds of Richard Hodgson, Esq., of [illegible] Hall. The day was beautifully fine—in fact, all [illegible] be desired for the occasion; and although the [illegible]" were scarce enough, yet sufficient numbers [illegible] for the competition. Owing to the large in[illegible]bers to this club during the last two seasons, [illegible]rs for the medals were much more numerous than on any former occasions. The scene was altogether most beautiful and exciting. In close proximity to "Tweeds's silvery streams," and almost on the very spot where many years ago two powerful nations contended even to the death for the mastery over each other, the tall and stalwart sons of the Border met to compete—not for the keys of a "keep," or border stronghold, but to endeavor to rival each other in the nobler art of rifle shooting—a science but little understood, comparatively speaking, but one which is quite as essential as many which receive much more attention. The encouragement of rifle clubs is a step which, though not yet taken up by the Government, must ere long occupy a much greater share of attention than has hitherto been bestowed upon it, and we are not without hopes that the proficiency which has been displayed not only by members of this club, but by others of a similar constitution in other parts of the country, may yet be the means of bringing this important subject more under the consideration of those to whom the defences of our sea girt isle are specially committed. Such clubs as these deserve every encouragement, and from the splendid turn-out on Monday, and the capital shooting by the "young blood" which turned out on this occasion, we have no fear that the riflemen of the Border will be one whit behind their neighbors in any part of the country. There were three medals competed for:—One for crow rifle shooting, another for target shooting, and the third for quoiting. The medal for crow rifle shooting, added to a sweepstakes of 2s 6d each, was gained by Mr. Arthur H. Somner, Kelso, who brought down six out of the seven crows allowed to be shot at in first-rate style; Mr. G. Smith, Portobello, second, shooting five out his seven; 27 competitors. The target shooting for the medal, at a distance of 80 yards, added to a sweepstakes of 2s 6d each, was gained by Mr. J. S. E. Fair, jun., of Langlee, the average of his five shots being 3¼ inches from the centre of the bullseye; the second was Mr. David Sheriff, Muirton, his average being 4¼ inches; Mr. Arthur H. Somner, was third, his average being 6 inches; 33 competitors. The medal for quoiting, added to a sweepstakes of 2s 6d each, was gained by Mr. C. Balleny, Hillend; second, Mr. J. U. Somner, Jedburgh; third, Mr. Henry Darling, Berwick. After the competition the members and their friends, to the number of fifty-nine, dined together at Birgham.



JAMES W. HUNTER, OF BROOKLYN,
A WELL-KNOWN AND ACCOMPLISHED SPARRER.
Height, 5 feet 7½ inches. Weight, 150 lbs.

EPSOM RACES.

[ERRATA.—In our table of the Derby winners, last week, we made Beadsman's time 2:55—it should be 2:54.—ED. CLIP]

OAKS DAY—FRIDAY, MAY 21.

The weather was most favorable, and the attendance, in consequence, the best that has been seen on the "ladies' day" for many seasons. The telegraph announced thirteen starters, the same number as last year, the absentees from the card being Queenstown and Polly Peachum, the latter of whom pulled up lame at exercise in the morning. In the early part of the afternoon the betting, which was confined almost entirely to Sunbeam, Governess, Gildermire and Tunstall Maid, fluctuated in such an extraordinary manner that it is almost impossible to record the many changes which occurred. The opening prices were 5 to 2 agst. Sunbeam, 4 to 1 agst. Governess, 5 to 1 agst. Gildermire, and 8 to 1 agst. Tunstall Maid, but, owing to a rumor that Mr. Merry's mare had wasted a good deal, she went back to 7 to 2, and Governess became first favorite at 3 to 1, (takers,) only to be supplanted, at last, however, by Gildermire, who was in tremendous force, and advanced to 9 to 4 after she had been seen in the paddock; whilst Governess, pronounced to be a trifle "big" and not particularly fancied by her owner from having been recently "off," retrograded a point, and was not so good a favorite at starting as Sunbeam, about whom a commission from her owner was executed at the last moment. Tunstall Maid was a good deal supported, considering the *furors* in the market created by her stable companion, Gildermire, but, of the remainder, the only animal in any demand was Chanoinesse. Perfection was reported "off," Proud Preston Peg coughing, and Rose de Florence "backward."

The OAKS STAKES of 50 sovs. each, h. ft., for three-year-old fillies; 8st. 7lb. each; the second to receive 100 sovs., and the winner to pay 100 sovs., towards the police and regulations of the course, and 30 to the judge; mile and a half; 152 subs.

Mr. Gratwicke's ch Governess, by Chatham, out of Oxonian's dam, 8st 7lb.....Ashmall † 1
Admiral Harcourt's br Gildermere, by Flying Dutchman, 8st 7lb.....Aldcroft † 2
Mr. Jackson's b Tunstall Maid, by Touchstone, 8st 7lb..Charlton 3
Mr. J. Noble's b Proud Preston Peg, by Touchstone, 8st 7lb, J. Osborne 0
Mr. Howard's ch Perfection, by Birdcatcher, 8st 7lb..G. Fordham 0
Lord Derby's b Target, by Joe Lovell, 8st 7lb.....Flatman 0
Mr. J. Merry's b Sunbeam, by Chanticleer, 8st 7lb.....Chiliman 0
Lord Londesborough's b Rose de Florence, by Flying Dutchman, 8st 7lb.....Templeman 0
Lord Clifden's br Chanoinesse, by Surplice, 8st 7lb.....Bray 0
Mr. Saxon's b Princess Royal, by Slane, 8st 7lb.....Wells 0
Sir L Newman's br Botany, by Melbourne, 8st 7lb.....Bates 0
Lord Portsmouth's b "My Niece," by Cowl, 8st 7lb.....A. Day 0
Lord Chesterfield's b La Fille du Regiment, by Orlando, 8st 7lb.....Challoner 0

BETTING AT STARTING:

9 to 4 agst Gildermire	15 to 1 agst Princess Royal
7 to 2 agst Sunbeam	100 to 6 agst Target
4 to 1 agst Governess	25 to 1 agst Perfection
9 to 1 agst Tunstall Maid	100 to 3 agst "My Niece"
15 to 1 agst Chanoinesse	

The start, which took place at a few minutes after three o'clock, was preceded by four or five failures—no fault of Mr. Hibburd's—the first off being Chanoinesse and Princess Royal. Before they had gone fifty yards, however, Gildermire went in front and took a clear lead, followed by Target, Princess Royal, Sunbeam, and Tunstall Maid to the mile and a quarter post, after passing which Princess Royal dropped back and Sunbeam took second place, Perfection going on third, with Target in close attendance. The next lot comprised Proud Preston Peg, Princess Royal, Tunstall Maid, and "My Niece," who ran side by side, whilst in the rear were Governess, Botany, and La Fille du Regiment, the latter acting as whipper in. In the furzes Gildermire increased her lead to four or five lengths, but in descending the hill to Tattenham Corner, halfway down which Tunstall Maid ran into the third place, Sunbeam began to overhaul her, and when fairly in the straight had reached the favorite's girths. The pace, which had been very moderate, then became first-rate, and its effect was apparent soon after crossing the road, when all were disposed of except Gildermire, Sunbeam, Tunstall Maid, Perfection, and Governess, the latter of whom after meeting with a disappointment in getting through her horses at the turn, now began to improve her position rapidly. At the distance Sunbeam was in trouble, and Governess, having passed Perfection and Tunstall Maid just before, joined Gildermire opposite the lower end of the Stand enclosure. For an instant Mr. Gratwicke's mare appeared to have a trifle the best of it, when she began to hang towards the lower ground, and Gildermire opposite the Jockey Club Stand again got her neck in advance, but Ashmall getting Governess straight in the last six strides, called upon her for a final effort, and catching the favorite on the post, made the first dead heat for the Oaks, the two finishing very wide apart. Tunstall Maid was beaten a length, and was nearly twice as far in advance of Sunbeam, who was fourth, Princess Royal being fifth, a length from her. At a wide interval from Mr. Saxon's mare, La Fille du Regiment, who passed a lot of the beaten ones inside the distance, was sixth, and Chanoniesse seventh, Rose de Florence being eighth, and Perfection next. Proud Preston Peg and Target succeeded them, wide intervals separating each, and the two last were Botany and "My Niece." Run in 2 min. 53½ sec.

DECIDING HEAT.

Betting: 6 to 5 on Gildermore, who made play at the best pace she seemed capable of, Governess lying three lengths off until near Tattenham Corner, when in descending the hill she closed up a little. Ashmall, however, followed right in the other's track, and never attempted to come until near the Stand, when the favorite was in trouble, and Governess depriving her of the lead without an effort won in a canter by three-quarters of a length. Run in 2 min. 56 sec. Nett value of the stakes, £3,975.

PEDIGREES AND PERFORMANCES OF THE WINNER.

Governess was bred by Mr. Gratwicke, and is got by Chatham out of a Laurel mare (the dam of Oxonian, Rhedycina, Student, Instructress, &c.)

PERFORMANCES.

In 1857, at Newmarket First Spring, carrying 8 st. 5 lb., won the Hopeful Stakes, last half of Ab. M., beating Botany, 8 st. 5 lb., second, by a neck, Harry Stanley, 8 st. 7 lb., third, two lengths from the second; the following not placed:—Compromise, 8 st. 7 lb., Brown Middleton, 8 st. 7 lb., Allspice, 8 st. 5 lb., Chutnee, 8 st. 5 lb., Abron, 8 st. 7 lb., York, 8 st. 10 lb., (including 3 lb. extra), Venetia, 8 st. 5 lb., July, 8 st. 5 lb. In 1858, at Newmarket Spring, carrying 8 st. 7 lb., won the One Thousand Guineas Stakes, beating Hepatica, 8 st. 7 lb., second, by a head, Perfection, 8 st. 7 lb., third, three lengths from the second; the following were not placed:—Shepherdess, 8 st. 7 lb., Hydromel, 8 st. 7 lb., Chanoinesse, 8 st. 7 lb., Queenstown, 8 st. 7 lb., Botany, 8 st. 7 lb., and Martha, 8 st. 7 lb., tailed off. At Epsom won the Oaks Stakes after a dead heat with Gildermire, beating eleven others.

ENGAGEMENTS.

At Goodwood, in the Nassau Stakes, 13 subs. At York August, in the Yorkshire Oaks, 53 subs. At Brighton, in the Champagne Stakes, 24 subs. At Doncaster, in the St. Leger, 138 subs., and in the Park Hill Stakes, 29 subs.

WINNERS OF THE OAKS.

YR.	OWNERS.	WINNERS.	SUB	S	P.	RIDER.	TIME.
1779	Lord Derby	Bridget	17	12	8	S. Goodis'n	
1780	Mr Douglas.	Teetotum	11	13	11		
1781	Lord Grovesnor.	Faith	16	6	6		
1782	Lord Grovesnor.	Cores.....	27	12	3	Chifney, se	
1783	Lord Grovesnor.	Maid of the Oaks	22	10	3	Chifney, se	
1784	Mr Burton	Stella.....	21	10	3	C. Hindley.	
1785	Lord Clermont ..	Trifle	24	8	8	J. Bird	
1786	Sir F. Standish ..	Perdita filly	24	12	4	J Edwards	
1787	Mr Vernon	Annette	24	8	8	Fitzpatrick	
1788	Lord Egremont..	Nightshade.	18	7	7	Fitzpatrick	
1789	Lord Egremont..	Tag	18	7	5	Chifney, se	
1790	Duke of Bedford.	Hyppolita.....	18	12	4	Chifney, se	
1791	Duke of Bedford.	Portia	38	9	4	J Singleton	
1792	Lord Clermont ..	Violante	38	11	4	C Hindley.	
1793	Duke of Bedford.	Cecilia.....	37	10	4	J Singleton	
1794	Lord Derby.....	Hermione.....	31	8	8	S. Arnull..	
1795	Lord Egremont..	Platina.	4	11	4	Fitzpatrick	
1796	Sir F. Standish ..	Parasote	4	18	3	J Arnull..	
1797	Lord Grosvenor.	Mike.	31	8	8	Buckle....	
1798	Mr Durand.....	Bellissima	31	7	7	Buckle....	
1799	Lord Grosvenor.	Sellini.	24	4	4	Buckle	
1800	Lord Egremont..	Ephemera.....	24	8	8	Fitzpatrick	
1801	Sir C. Banbury..	Eleanor.....	18	6	6	Saunders..	
1802	Mr. Wastell	Scotia	17	6	6	Buckle....	
1803	Sir T. Gascoign..	Theophania....	24	7	7	Buckle....	
1804	Duke of Grafton.	Pelisse.	25	8	8	Clift.....	
1805	Lord Grosvenor.	Meteora.....	27	8	8	Buckle....	
1806	Mr Craven.....	Bronze.	27	12	4	W Edw'rds	
1807	Gen Grosvenor..	Briseis.....	38	13	3	S. Chifney	
1808	Duke of Grafton.	Morel	31	10	4	Clift.....	
1809	General Gower..	Maid of Orleans..	38	11	4	J. Moss...	
1810	Sir W. Gerard...	Oriana.....	38	11	3	W. Peirse.	
1811	Duke of Rutland.	Sorcery.....	40	12	3	Chifney...	
1812	Mr. Hewett	Manuella	40	12	3	W. Peirse.	
1813	Duke of Grafton.	Music.....	41	9	3	Goodison..	
1814	Duke of Rutland.	Medora	44	9	4	Barnard ..	
1815	Duke of Grafton.	Minuet.....	48	14	3	C Goodison	
1816	General Gower..	Landscape	48	11	3	S Chifney.	
1817	Mr Watson.....	Neva	47	11	4	Buckle....	
1818	Mr Udny.....	Corinne.....	47	10	3	Buckle....	
1819	Mr Thornhill	Shoveller	39	10	3	S. Chifney.	
1820	Lord Egremont..	Caroline	39	12	3	H. Edw'ds.	
1821	Lord Exeter.....	Augusta	43	7	7	J. Robins'n	
1822	Duke of Grafton.	Pastille.....	44	10	2	H Edw'ds.	
1823	Duke of Grafton.	Zinc.	43	10	3	Buckle....	
1824	Lord Jersey.....	Cobweb	41	13	2	Robinson .	
1825	Gen Grosvenor..	Wings	50	10	3	S. Chifney.	
1826	Mr Forth.	Lilias	49	16	3	Lye	
1827	Dk of Richmond.	Guinare	79	19	2	F. Boyce..	
1828	Duke of Grafton.	Turquoise.....	78	14	2	J. B. Day .	
1829	Lord Exeter.....	Green Mantle....	77	14	2	Dockeray.	
1830	Mr Stonehewer..	Variation.	77	18	3	H. Edw'ds	
1831	Duke of Grafton.	Oxygen.....	86	11	4	J. B Day..	
1832	Lord Exeter.....	Galata.....	83	16	3	Conolly...	
1833	Sir M. Wood	Vespa	97	19	3	Chapple ..	
1834	Mr Cosby.....	Mr Pussy	95	15	3	J. B. Day.	
1835	Mr Mostyn.....	Queen of Trumps	98	10	1	Lye	
1836	Mr Scott.....	Cyprian	98	12	2	Scott.	
1837	Mr Powlett.....	Miss Letty.....	92	13	3	J. Holmes.	
1838	Lord Chesterfield	Industry.....	98	16	2	Scott.	
1839	Mr F. Craven..	Deception.....	96	13	3	J B Day.	
1840	Lord G Bentinck.	Crucifix.....	103	15	3	J. B. Day.	
1841	Lord Westminster	Ghuznee.....	118	22	2	Scott	
1842	Mr G. Dawson...	Oar Weil.....	16	16	2	Lye	
1843	Mr Ford	Poison.....	9	18	2	F. Butler..	
1844	Col Anson	The Princess	117	28	3	F. Butler..	
1845	Dk of Richmond.	Refraction	128	21	4	H Bell...	m s.
1846	Mr Gully.....	Mendicant.....	140	24	5	J. Day....	2 53
1847	Sir J. Hawley..	Miami	162	23	4	Temp'man	2 54
1848	Mr H. Hill.....	Cymba	152	26	5	Temp'man	2 48
1849	Lord Chesterfield	Lady Evelyn.....	172	15	4	F. Butler.	2 56
1850	Mr Hobson.....	Rhedycina	128	15	3	F. Butler.	2 56
1851	Lord Stanley.....	Iris.....	131	15	4	F. Butler.	2 52
1852	Mr J. Scott.....	Songstress	123	14	4	F. Butler.	3 00
1853	Mr Wauchope....	Catherine Hayes.	141	17	4	Marlow....	2 53
1854	Mr Cookson.....	Mincemeat.....	156	15	4	Charlton..	3 00
1855	Mr R Read.....	Marchioness,....	162	17	4	Temp'man	2 58
1856	Mr H. Hill.....	Mincepie.....	137	10	4	A. Day...	3 05
1857	Mr W. T'Anson ..	Blink Bonny	130	13	13	Charlton..	2 40
1858	Mr Gratwicke. ..	Governess	152	13	3	Ashmall..	2 53½

After a dead heat with Admiral Harcourt's Gildermire. Time of deciding heat 2 min. 56 secs.

THE ORIGIN OF THE GAME BANTUM.—A correspondent of the London *Field* says: "In the year 1822, being a breeder of Game fowls, a thought struck me that, with judicious management, I could produce diminutive pugilistic birds. Accordingly, I procured a handsome, clean-legged, black-breasted red Bantam cock; and, having a small dark ginger Game hen sent to me from Northamptonshire, I shut them up together and bred from them. The chickens, with the exception of one pullet, took after the old birds. That pullet had a most beautiful glossy black plumage—the hackle feathers shaded with dark green; and I accounted for that deviation in feather from the circumstance that at that time there was a race of purely black Game fowls kept in that county; and the parent birds might have had a strain of that stock in her blood. Be that as it may, I bred from the cock and that pullet, and produced brass-winged chickens. I forget now how many generations I bred 'in and in;' but I obtained birds at last much less than the original forefathers. Their courage was indomitable, for they would fight with heels on without flinching to the last—equal to the best fowls that ever entered a cock-pit. After I became tired of my hobby, I sent the major part of my Lilliputians to Samuel Webber, Esq., Stone Lodge, near Ipswich, Suffolk; but whether there are any of that identical strain in existence now I am unable to say. I have had some of the cock chickens—not more than six weeks old, certainly—fight with such inveteracy that they frequently killed each other.

WM. BRENT, Canterbury."

TO REVIVE THE APPARENTLY DROWNED.—As the season is upon us when the number of deaths by drowning increases, it may not be out of place to reprint the following rules for the resuscitation of those *apparently* drowned:

DR. MARSHALL HALL'S INSTRUCTIONS.

I. Treat the patient instantly, on the spot, in the open air, exposing the face and chest to the breeze, (except in severe weather.)

I.—*To clear the Throat*.—2. Place the patient gently on the face, with one wrist under the forehead [all fluids and the tongue itself then fall forwards, leaving the entrance into the windpipe free.] If there be breathing wait and watch; if not, or if it fail—

II.—*To excite Respiration*.—3. Turn the patient well and instantly on his side, and 4. Excite the nostrils with snuff, or the throat with a feather, etc., and dash cold water on the face previously rubbed warm. If there be no success, lose not a moment, but instantly—

III.—*To imitate Respiration*.—5. Replace the patient on his face, raising and supporting the chest well on a folded coat or other article of dress. 6. Turn the body very gently on the side, and a little beyond, and then briskly on the face, alternately, repeating these measures deliberately, efficiently, and perseveringly fifteen times in the minute, occasionally varying the side [when the patient reposes on the chest this cavity is compressed by the weight of the body, and expiration takes place; when he is turned on the side, this pressure is removed, and inspiration occurs]. 7. When the prone position is resumed make equable but efficient pressure, with brisk movement, along the back of the chest, removing it immediately before rotation on the side [the first measure augments the expiration, the second commences inspiration.]

The result is—respiration, and, if not too late, life.

IV.—*To induce Circulation and Warmth*.—8. Meantime rub the limbs upwards, with firm grasping pressure and with energy, using handkerchiefs, etc. [by this measure the blood is propelled along the veins towards the heart]. 9. Let the limbs be thus warmed and dried, and then clothed, the bystanders supply the requisite garments. 10. Avoid the continuous warm bath, and the position on or inclined to the back.

QUAIL.—A certain gastronomic clergyman (for we believe that clergymen *can* occasionally be gastronomic) who was preaching upon the miraculous supply of quail to the Israelites when they were starving in the desert, in order to enhance in the sight of his congregation the liberality of Providence in selecting *that* particular article of food, burst out unctiously with—"And you know, my beloved brethren, what a delicious little bird the quail is."

This clergyman was better posted than a very pious old deacon whom we once heard "expounding the scriptures" at a prayer meeting, and who illustrated the watchful care which Providence exercised over the good by referring to "the quails *them fishes*" which the Israelites had sent to them when on their journey to the promised land.